

Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan Modification Proposal

Basic Conditions Statement

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Basic Conditions Statement has been prepared by Modicum Planning on the behalf of Lavenham Parish Council to accompany the submission of the Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan Modification Proposal (LNP2) to the local planning authority, Babergh District Council (BDC).
- 1.2 The Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan was adopted by BDC at a meeting of its Full Council on 20 September 2016. This meeting followed a majority 'yes' vote by local residents at a parish-wide referendum held on 8 September 2016.
- 1.3 The modifications proposed to the Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan is set out in a document referred to as Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan 2 or LNP2. In this Basic Conditions Statement, the Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan Modification Proposal is referred to as LNP2.
- 1.4 LNP2 is being submitted under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), referred to in this document as "the Regulations".
- 1.5 The LNP2 area was formally designated by BDC on 02 September 2013 and corresponds with the boundary of Lavenham parish - see <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Neighbourhood-Planning/Lavenham-NP-Area-Designation.pdf>
- 1.6 The policies described in LNP2 relate to the development and use of land in the designated neighbourhood area. The plan period of LNP2 is 2023 to 2037 and it does not contain policies relating to excluded development in accordance with the Regulations.
- 1.7 Regulation 15 states that where a qualifying body submits a plan proposal or a modification proposal to the local planning authority, it must include, inter alia,
- "d) a statement explaining how the proposed neighbourhood development plan or neighbourhood development plan as proposed to be modified meets the requirements of paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act or in the case of a modification proposal, how the neighbourhood development plan as proposed to be modified meets the requirements of paragraph 11 of Schedule A2 to the 2004 Act*
- (i) an environmental report prepared in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3) of regulation 12 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004; or*
- (ii) where it has been determined under regulation 9(1) of those Regulations that the plan proposal or the modification proposal is unlikely to have significant environmental effects (and, accordingly, does not require an environmental assessment), a statement of reasons for the determination;..."*
- 1.8 Paragraph 11 of Schedule A2 to the 2004 Act (the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004) clarifies the following basic conditions for Modifications of Neighbourhood Plans:

A draft plan meets the basic conditions if—

(a) having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the plan,

(b) the making of the plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development,

(c) the making of the plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area),

(d) the making of the plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, retained EU obligations, and

(e) prescribed conditions are met in relation to the plan and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the plan.

1.9 The purpose of this statement is to demonstrate how LNP2 meets the tests set out in a) to e) above.

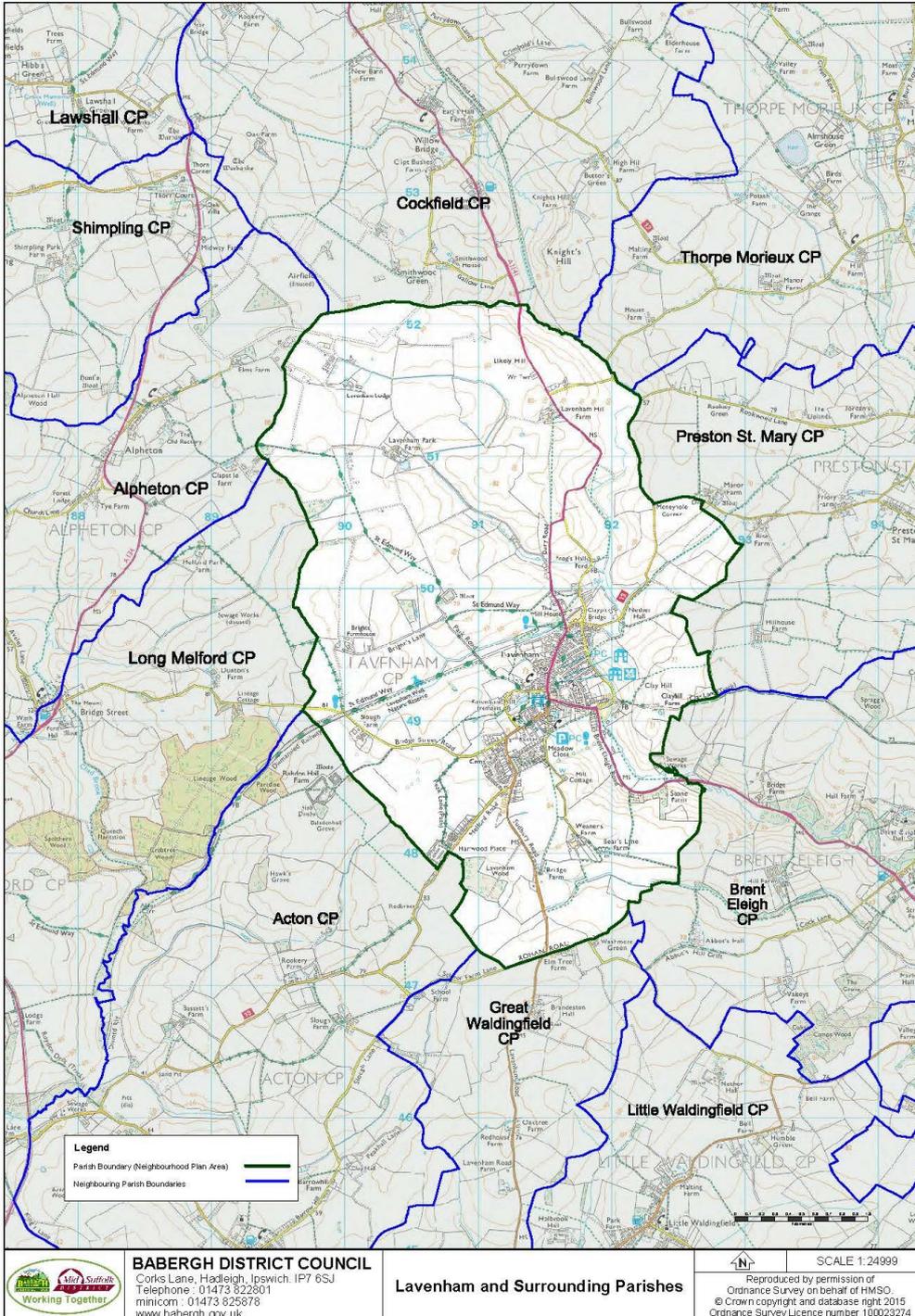
1.10 This document addresses the requirements of the basic conditions in five sections:

- section 3 demonstrates the policies in LNP2 are appropriate having regard to national policies and guidance
- section 4 shows how LNP2 will contribute towards achieving sustainable development
- section 5 demonstrates the conformity of LNP2 with the Local Plan
- section 6 demonstrates compliance with the appropriate EU obligations including the SEA Directive and obligation relating to Human Rights
- section 7 gives details of how the 'making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017'

1.11 An overview of the LNP2 is provided in section 2 of this report.

2 The Neighbourhood Plan

2.1 The area covered by LNP2 is shown in Map 1.



Map 1: The Neighbourhood Plan area

2.2 Chapter Two of LNP2 sets out the NP Vision. It starts with

A Special Place

Lavenham is considered by many to be Britain's best preserved medieval village. Although the responsibility of maintaining Lavenham's heritage is a significant driver for the Plan, Lavenham is more than buildings and history; it is the community who live and work here, the people who visit, and the landscape in which the village sits. The Plan recognises that each of these elements must be respected and accommodated as all play a part in the retention of the essential qualities of Lavenham. The Plan will protect what is best about Lavenham and, whilst meeting the challenges of the 21st Century, help the village adapt to change in a way that enhances the quality of life for all people who live, work in, or visit the village.

The Vision is built around four themes:

- Responding to the climate change emergency. Here, it is stated LNP2 *'will recognise and anticipate the stresses of climate change and aims to be a beacon of good practice for sustainability and resilience'*.
- A flourishing community, sustainable and resilient. Here it is stated LNP2 *'aims to ensure the needs of residents, workers and visitors will continue to be met, and quality of life for all age groups will be enhanced'*.
- Protecting our heritage and landscape. Here, LNP2, supported by the Lavenham Design Guide shows *'how future development is expected to contribute to Lavenham's distinctiveness, respecting the existing built form and delivering high quality design'*.
- Movement of people and vehicles. Here it is stated, *'the village's historic core is inflexible when considering the needs of pedestrians and vehicles (private, commercial, agricultural) and the demands of parking for residents and visitors. The Plan seeks to mitigate this by encouraging thoughtful consideration of all movement of people within the village, whether wheeled or on foot, whether for leisure, domestic or commercial needs.'*

The vision is supported by seventeen objectives and forty-two planning policies as summarised below:

| Objective | Planning Policy reference and description |
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| Theme One: Responding to the climate change emergency | |
| Objective 1 New Build Energy Standards – All new build to meet rigorous energy efficiency standards and achieve low carbon heating so as to minimise carbon emissions. | <p>Policy LAV 1: Climate change mitigation and adaptation This policy seeks to ensure that all proposals are supported by evidence that shows the principles of climate change mitigation and adaptation has been incorporated into the design and layout of a scheme. Additional guidance is provided in the supporting text, and in the Lavenham Design Guide.</p> <p>Policy LAV 2: Achieving zero carbon homes standards This policy encourages residential development proposals to deliver low, zero and carbon negative homes. The policy is linked to operational targets set out in the Lavenham Design Guide and in the supporting text to the policy.</p> |
| Objective 2 Upgrading Existing Buildings – Lavenham will be a beacon for upgrading the existing | Policy LAV 3: Improving the environmental performance of our historic and traditional buildings This policy applies to planning applications affecting heritage assets and other traditional buildings (usually built before 1919) and are aimed at improving the |

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| buildings (including historic buildings). | <p>environmental performance of the heritage asset or traditional building.</p> <p><i>This policy brings forward elements from Policy ENV2 of LNP1.</i></p> <p>Policy LAV 4: Improving the environmental performance of non-traditional buildings This policy applies to planning applications affecting non-traditional buildings. The policy encourages applicants to improve the environmental performance of their homes.</p> |
| <p>Objective 3 Renewable Energy Infrastructure – To support new renewable energy infrastructure in Lavenham parish.</p> | <p>Policy LAV 5: Lavenham renewable energy and low carbon infrastructure This policy adopts a positive stance in principle to development proposals for standalone renewable energy infrastructure or other infrastructure that will facilitate low carbon living.</p> <p><i>This policy brings forward Policy ENV 4 from LNP1 with some amendments.</i></p> |
| <p>Objective 4 Flood Events – To minimise and improve our ability to deal with flood events.</p> | <p>Policy LAV 6: Managing surface water flood risk in Lavenham This policy focuses on addressing surface water flood risk in the parish. The policy responds to the Lavenham-specific context.</p> <p><i>This policy brings forward some elements from policy D2 in LNP1.</i></p> |
| <p>Objective 5 Extreme Weather Events – To improve our ability to cope with, and to mitigate the effects of, future weather events.</p> | <p>Policy LAV 7: Essential infrastructure for managing and mitigating extreme weather events. This policy seeks to protect assets in the parish that have an important role in maintaining parish resilience to the effects of climate change. This includes the existing tributaries to the Lavenham Brook and green infrastructure.</p> |
| <p>Objective 6 Biodiversity Networks – To strengthen and extend Lavenham’s biodiversity networks.</p> | <p>Policy LAV 8: Biodiversity network enhancement and expansion zones in Lavenham. This policy highlights the opportunities that existing in the landscape to the west of Lavenham for biodiversity measures to be implemented that could completing the existing SSSI at the Lineage Wood and Railway Track.</p> <p>Policy LAV 9: Lavenham sites of biodiversity value This policy complements strategic level policies by providing parish level detail of known sites of local biodiversity value.</p> <p>Policy LAV 10: Mitigation hierarchy and delivering biodiversity net gain in Lavenham This policy applies the mitigation hierarchy to apply to all proposals which affect sites or features of biodiversity value. In addition, the policy sets out a parish-specific policy on Biodiversity Net Gain.</p> |
| <p>Objective 7 Carbon Footprints – To develop infrastructure that helps our residents, workers and visitors to lower their carbon footprints.</p> | <p>Policy LAV 11: Sustainable life and work patterns in Lavenham This policy requires development proposals to include infrastructure to help residents lead sustainable work and life patterns. This includes bays for the purpose of charging electric vehicles and as secure area for storing bicycles.</p> |

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| | <p>Policy LAV 12: Broadband infrastructure A policy requiring proposals to incorporate infrastructure that will be necessary to allow for the latest broadband technology.</p> <p>This policy brings forward elements from C7 of LNP1</p> |
| Theme Two: A flourishing community, sustainable and resilient | |
| <p>Objective 8 Settlement Boundary – To retain Lavenham’s sense of place, scale and physical coherences as a vibrant village.</p> | <p>Policy LAV 13: A spatial strategy for Lavenham A policy providing a strategic overview and clarity for the future direction of any growth in the parish. The policy defines an updated settlement boundary and adopts a restrictive approach to proposals located outside it.</p> |
| <p>Objective 9 Housing – All changes to our housing stock to contribute towards making our community more resilient and balanced.</p> | <p>Policy LAV 14: Housing mix – meeting local needs A policy requiring residential development proposals to incorporate a mix of housing so that schemes contribute to meeting existing and future parish needs.</p> <p>The policy has been brought forward from LNP1 (H2) with some amendments.</p> <p>Policy LAV 15: Affordable homes for local people A policy applicable to affordable housing. The policy requires design to be tenure natural and for any schemes that fail to achieve the Local Plan affordable housing requirement to be justified by an open book assessment of viability.</p> <p>The policy has been brought forward from LNP1 (H3) with some amendments.</p> <p>Policy LAV 16: Allocation of First Homes A policy that provides a mechanism for prioritising new build affordable housing provision to address Lavenham needs. The policy only applies to First Homes.</p> <p>LNP1 includes a similar policy (H4) which applies to all affordable housing on all schemes. It is proposed not to bring forward this element in LNP2.</p> <p>Policy LAV 17: Affordable housing on rural exception sites This policy supports in principle rural exception sites where it can be demonstrated that the scheme will meet Lavenham-specific affordable housing needs.</p> <p>The policy has been brought forward from LNP1 (H5) with some amendments.</p> <p>Policy LAV 18: Supported housing A policy supporting in principle small scale proposals for housing with care within the settlement.</p> <p>The policy has been brought forward from LNP1 (H6) with some substantive edits.</p> |

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| <p>Objective 10 Open Spaces and Outdoor Activities – To safeguard and improve open spaces and opportunities for outdoor recreation activities.</p> | <p>Policy LAV 19: Lavenham Local Green Spaces A policy designating 20 open spaces in the parish as Local Green Spaces</p> <p>This policy gives Local Green Space status to most of the open spaces which were previously recognised as safeguarded open spaces in LNP1 (C2).</p> <p>Policy LAV 20: Other Open Spaces of Value and informal green amenity spaces</p> <p>This policy recognises the value of areas of green spaces in the parish that are not recognised as Local Green Spaces. The policy safeguards the spaces but allows for development schemes affecting them if the proposals would deliver overall improvements in the amenity value or biodiversity value of the site.</p> <p>This policy includes 5 spaces, one of which is identified under Policy C2 of LNP1.</p> <p>Policy LAV 21: New open space provision This policy sets out Lavenham specific requirements where developers are required to provide open space as part of a development proposal.</p> <p>Policy LAV 22: Market Place A policy taking a supportive stance towards proposals which deliver improvements at Market Place.</p> <p>The policy has been brought forward from LNP1 (ENV3) with some minor edits.</p> <p>Policy LAV 23: Public Rights of Way Network A policy protecting existing routes and seeking improvements, where applicable, to existing provision.</p> <p>The policy has been brought forward from LNP1 (Policy C3) with some edits.</p> <p>Policy LAV 24: Allotments A policy supporting new allotment provision.</p> <p>The policy has been brought forward from LNP1 (Policy C4) with some minor edits.</p> |
| <p>Objective 11 Community Facilities and Infrastructure – Our ‘core village’ hub of shops, services and community infrastructure will continue to meet user needs – of local residents, workers and visitors, and of users from our hinterland villages.</p> | <p>Policy LAV 25: Community Facilities A policy resisting loss or harm to existing community facilities (as described in the supporting text to the policy).</p> <p>The policy has been brought forward from LNP1 (Policy C1) with some minor edits.</p> <p>Policy LAV 26: Health facilities and services A policy safeguarding existing health care facilities in the parish.</p> <p>The policy brings forward the first paragraph of Policy C5 in LNP1.</p> |

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| | <p>Policy LAV 27: Existing school site A policy supporting, in principle, development proposals needed to support Lavenham Community Primary School</p> <p>This policy departs from the approach set out in C6 of LNP1 because it doesn't carry forward an explicit aspiration to relocate the primary school.</p> <p>Policy LAV 28: Protecting and supporting public houses in the parish This policy recognises the value attached to existing pubs, wine bars and other drinking establishments and protects them accordingly.</p> <p>Policy LAV 29: Protecting and supporting Lavenham's Retail Core This policy defines the Lavenham Retail Core and protects uses, where it can, accordingly. The policy also supports new town centre uses in the retail core.</p> <p>The policy brings forward Policy C9 in LNP1 with some amendments.</p> |
| <p>Objective 12 Local Economy and Employment – To continue encouraging tourism related employment, alongside jobs in other sectors, and working from home or close to home.</p> | <p>Policy LAV 30: Visitor Facilities A policy supporting, in principle, development proposals that protect or improve visitor facilities in the plan area.</p> <p>This policy brings forward Policy E1 from LNP1 with some updates to reflect changes in circumstances.</p> <p>Policy LAV 31: Land at 47 to 48 Water Street This policy provides some broad parameters in the event of the site coming forward for development. The policy safeguards the principal use of the site to be in employment use.</p> <p>Policy LAV 32: Support for small business development and home-based workers A policy supporting development proposals that will encourage small businesses and micro businesses to operate in the parish. The policy also allows for new class B8 uses subject to traffic impacts being assessed as not triggering additional pedestrian safety or amenity issues in the village centre.</p> <p>This policy brings forward Policy E2 in LNP1 with amendments.</p> |
| Theme Three: Protecting our heritage and landscape | |
| <p>Objective 13 Conservation and Enhancement – To protect Lavenham's heritage and special landscape characteristics, for future generations to treasure and enjoy.</p> | <p>Policy LAV 33: Designated heritage assets and their setting A policy ensuring Lavenham's heritage assets, and their setting are understood and assessed when planning applications affecting them come forward.</p> <p>This policy brings forward some elements from Policy D1 in LNP1.</p> <p>Policy LAV 34: Lavenham's non-designated heritage assets A policy establishing how proposals affecting non-designated heritage assets should be assessed. The Policy is supported by Community Initiative 3.2, which states the Parish Council will compile a list of</p> |

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| | <p>buildings and structures to be treated as non-designated heritage assets.</p> <p>Policy LAV 35: Protecting and enhancing Landscape character in Lavenham A policy seeking to protect and enhance landscape and settlement character in the parish and in line with recommendations and guidance set out in the Lavenham Landscape Character and Sensitivity Assessment 2023. The policy also defines the Lavenham Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity.</p> <p>This policy brings forward elements from Policies H1, D2 and ENV1 from LNP1.</p> <p>Policy LAV 36: Defined views This policy defines important views into and out of the village and requires these to be protected or enhanced.</p> <p>This policy brings forward Policy ENV1 from LNP1 with some amendments</p> |
| <p>Objective 14 Village Gateways – To respect, and strengthen, the distinctiveness and sense of arrival at our village gateways.</p> | <p>Policy LAV 37: Protecting and strengthening settlement and landscape character at Lavenham’s village gateways This policy seeks to protect and enhance settlement and landscape character at the village gateway points where it is strong and seeks to strengthen character at those gateway points where character is lacking.</p> |
| <p>Objective 15 New Build, Replacement and Infill – All new developments to contribute to Lavenham’s distinctiveness, to respect the existing built form, and to deliver high quality design.</p> | <p>Policy LAV 38: Design and character This policy requires all proposals to be design-led, contribute positively to the built environmental character and, as part of this, to be informed by the recommendations and guidance set out in the Lavenham Design Guide.</p> <p>This policy brings forward Policy D1 from LNP1 although incorporates substantial changes, informed by the Lavenham Design Guide.</p> <p>Policy LAV 39: Replacement dwellings and infill sites This policy seeks to ensure infill proposals do not destroy the essentially open character of Lavenham village.</p> <p>This policy brings forward Policy D3 from LNP1 with some amendments.</p> |
| Theme Four: Movement of people and vehicles | |
| <p>Objective 16 Challenges inside the Settlement Boundary – To support measures that address challenges within Lavenham’s settlement boundary relating to: traffic volumes; oversized and heavy vehicles; obstructed</p> | <p>Policy LAV 40: Traffic movement in the village centre A policy focused on ensuring the impact of traffic movements, arising from development proposals, on the village centre are recognised and appropriately mitigated.</p> <p>Policy 41: Planning for active travel A policy requiring development proposals to incorporate infrastructure to enable</p> |

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| and inadequate pedestrian routes; and inadequate provision for cyclists. | <p>residents and users to use non-motorised forms of transport when moving in and around the village.</p> <p>Policy 42: Development and parking for motorised vehicles A policy focuses on ensuring that both off-street and on-street parking demand, generated by new developments, are assessed and accommodated in the design of new schemes</p> |
| <p>Objective 17 Parking – To support measures that manage the demand for on-street and public parking spaces, and measures that use most efficiently the current and potential supply of parking spaces.</p> | <p>No planning policies. This objective is supported by Community Initiatives (set out in Chapter 10 of LNP2) only.</p> |

Table 1: LNP2 objectives and planning policies

3 How the LNP2 policies are appropriate having regard to national policies and guidance

- 3.1 National planning policy is principally provided by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) published in 2021. National planning guidance is provided by planning practice guidance available online at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/planning-practice-guidance>
- 3.2 The NPPF provides a framework within which local communities can produce neighbourhood development plans for their area and sets out how planning should help achieve sustainable development.
- 3.3 This section demonstrates that LNP2 has regard to the relevant policies in the NPPF in relation to:
- Achieving sustainable development (NPPF Chapter 2)
 - Plan-making (NPPF Chapter 3)
 - Delivering a sufficient supply of homes (NPPF Chapter 5)
 - Building a strong, competitive economy including Supporting a prosperous rural economy (NPPF Chapter 6)
 - Ensuring the vitality of town centres (NPPF Chapter 7)
 - Promoting healthy and safe communities (NPPF Chapter 8)
 - Promoting sustainable transport (NPPF Chapter 9)
 - Supporting high quality communications (NPPF Chapter 10)
 - Making effective use of land (NPPF Chapter 11)
 - Achieving well-designed places (NPPF Chapter 12)
 - Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change (NPPF Chapter 14)
 - Conserving and enhancing the natural environment (NPPF Chapter 15)
 - Conserving and enhancing the historic environment (NPPF Chapter 16)
- 3.4 Table 2 demonstrates how the LNP2 objectives and policies relate to the principal goals set out in the NPPF.

| NP Objective and NP Policies | Relevant NPPF Chapters |
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| <p>Objective 1 New Build Energy Standards – All new build to meet rigorous energy efficiency standards and achieve low carbon heating so as to minimise carbon emissions.</p> <p>Policy LAV 1: Climate change mitigation and adaptation</p> <p>Policy LAV 2: Achieving zero carbon homes standards</p> | <p>Objective 1 is consistent with Chapter 14 of the NPPF 2021.</p> <p>Chapter 14: <i>Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change</i> sets out in paragraph 154 that new development should be planned for in ways that “can help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as through location, orientation and design”</p> |

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| <p>Objective 2 Upgrading Existing Buildings – Lavenham will be a beacon for upgrading the existing buildings (including historic buildings).</p> <p>Policy LAV 3: Improving the environmental performance of our historic and traditional buildings</p> <p>Policy LAV 4: Improving the environmental performance of non-traditional buildings</p> | <p>Objective 2 is consistent with Chapters 14 and 16 of the NPPF 2021</p> <p>Chapter 14: <i>Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change</i> sets out in Paragraph 152 that the planning system should help to “shape places in ways that contribute to radical reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, minimise vulnerability and improve resilience; encourage the reuse of existing resources, including conversion of existing buildings...”</p> <p>Chapter 16: <i>Conserving and enhancing the historic environment</i>: Paragraph 190 states that “plans should set out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment”.</p> |
| <p>Objective 3 Renewable Energy Infrastructure To support new renewable energy infrastructure in Lavenham parish.</p> <p>Policy LAV 5: Lavenham renewable energy and low carbon infrastructure</p> | <p>Objective 3 is consistent with Chapter 14 of the NPPF 2021.</p> <p>Chapter 14: <i>Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change</i> sets out in paragraph 155, “To help increase the use and supply of renewable and low carbon energy and heat plans should a) provide a positive strategy for energy from these sources, that maximises the potential for suitable development, while ensuring that adverse impacts are addressed satisfactorily (including cumulative landscape and visual impacts);...”</p> |
| <p>Objective 4 Flood Events – To minimise and improve our ability to deal with flood events.</p> <p>Policy LAV 6: Managing surface water flood risk in Lavenham</p> | <p>Objective 4 is consistent with Chapter 14 of the NPPF 2021</p> <p>Chapter 14: <i>Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change</i>. Paragraph 152 states the that the planning system should “support the transition to a low carbon future in a changing climate, taking full account of flood risk and coastal change. It should help to: shape places in ways that contribute to radical reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, minimise vulnerability and improve resilience...”</p> |
| <p>Objective 5 Extreme Weather Events – To improve our ability to cope with, and to mitigate the effects of, future weather events.</p> <p>Policy LAV 7: Essential infrastructure for managing and mitigating extreme weather events.</p> | <p>Objective 5 is consistent with Chapter 14 of the NPPF 2021</p> <p>Chapter 14: <i>Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change</i>. Paragraph 153 states that “Plans should take a proactive approach to mitigation and adapting to climate change, taking into account the long-term implications for flood risk, coastal, change, water supply, biodiversity and landscapes, and the risk of overheating from rising temperatures”.</p> |
| <p>Objective 6 Biodiversity Networks – To strengthen and</p> | <p>Objective 6 is consistent with Chapter 15 of the NPPF.</p> |

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| <p>extend Lavenham’s biodiversity networks.</p> <p>Policy LAV 8: Biodiversity network enhancement and expansion zones in Lavenham.</p> <p>Policy LAV 9: Lavenham sites of biodiversity value</p> <p>Policy LAV 10: Mitigation hierarchy and delivering biodiversity net gain in Lavenham</p> | <p>Chapter 15: <i>Conserving and enhancing the natural environment</i>: states “Planning policies should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by...d) minimising impacts on and providing net gains for biodiversity, including by establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures”</p> |
| <p>Objective 7 Carbon Footprints – To develop infrastructure that helps our residents, workers and visitors to lower their carbon footprints.</p> <p>Policy LAV 11: Sustainable life and work patterns in Lavenham</p> <p>Policy LAV 12: Broadband infrastructure</p> | <p>Objective 7 is consistent with Chapter 14 of the NPPF 2021</p> <p>Chapter: 14 <i>Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change</i>. Paragraph 153 (see above).</p> |
| <p>Objective 8 Settlement Boundary – To retain Lavenham’s sense of place, scale and physical coherences as a vibrant village.</p> <p>Policy LAV 13: A spatial strategy for Lavenham</p> | <p>Objective 8 is consistent with Chapters 2, 3 and 5 of the NPPF 2021.</p> <p>Chapter 2: <i>Achieving sustainable development</i>. Paragraph 11 a) states that “all plans should promote a sustainable pattern of development that seeks to: meet the development needs of their area...”. The NP does this through Policy LAV 13 which identifies an up to date built up area boundary, providing a clear basis for future planning decisions, whilst not undermining the potential for affordable housing for local people to be brought forward via rural exceptions sites (as per Policy LAV 17).</p> <p>Chapter 3: <i>Plan-making</i>. Paragraph 15 states that the “planning system should be genuinely plan-led. Succinct and up-to-date plans should provide a positive vision for the future of each area; a framework for addressing housing needs and other economic, social and environmental priorities; and a platform for local people to shape their surroundings”.</p> |

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| | <p>Chapter 5: <i>Delivering a sufficient supply of homes</i>. Paragraph 66 states that strategic policies should set out a housing requirement figure for designated areas which reflects the overall strategy for the pattern and scale of development. The Local Planning Authority has provided the NP with a housing requirement figure, and this has provided the basis for spatial strategy in the plan (as per Objective 8).</p> |
| <p>Objective 9 Housing – All changes to our housing stock to contribute towards making our community more resilient and balanced.</p> <p>Policy LAV 14: Housing mix – meeting local needs</p> <p>Policy LAV 15: Affordable homes for local people</p> <p>Policy LAV 16: Allocation of First Homes</p> <p>Policy LAV 17: Affordable housing on rural exception sites</p> <p>Policy LAV 18: Supported housing</p> | <p>Objective 9 is consistent with Chapter 5 of the NPPF 2021.</p> <p>Chapter 5: <i>Delivering a sufficient supply of homes</i>. Paragraph 62 states that the “size, type and tenure of housing needed for different groups in the community should be assessed and reflected in planning policies”.</p> |
| <p>Objective 10 Open Spaces and Outdoor Activities – To safeguard and improve open spaces and opportunities for outdoor recreation activities.</p> <p>Policy LAV 19: Lavenham Local Green Spaces</p> <p>Policy LAV 20: Other Open Spaces of Value and informal green amenity spaces</p> <p>Policy LAV 21: New open space provision</p> <p>Policy LAV 22: Market Place</p> <p>Policy LAV 23: Public Rights of Way Network</p> | <p>Objective 10 is consistent with Chapter 8 of the NPPF 2021.</p> <p>Chapter 8: <i>Promoting healthy and safe communities</i>. Paragraph 98 states that “access to a network of high quality open spaces and opportunities for sports and physical activity is important for the health and well-being of communities, and can deliver wider benefits for nature and support efforts to address climate change”</p> <p>Paragraph 92 c) states that planning policies should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which “enable and support healthy lifestyles, especially where this would address identified local health and well being needs – for example through the provision of safe and accessible green infrastructure, sports facilities, local shops, access to healthier food, allotments and layouts that encourage walking and cycling”.</p> <p>Paragraph 100 states planning policies and decisions should protect and enhance public rights of way and</p> |

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| | <p>access, including taking opportunities to provide better facilities for users, for example by adding links to existing rights of way networks.</p> <p>Paragraphs 101 and 102 provide a mechanism for designating Local Green Spaces.</p> |
| <p>Objective 11 Community Facilities and Infrastructure Our 'core village' hub of shops, services and community infrastructure will continue to meet user needs – of local residents, workers and visitors, and of users from our hinterland villages.</p> <p>Policy LAV 25: Community Facilities</p> <p>Policy LAV 26: Health facilities and services</p> <p>Policy LAV 27: Existing school site</p> <p>Policy LAV 28: Protecting and supporting public houses in the parish</p> <p>Policy LAV 29: Protecting and supporting Lavenham's Retail Core</p> | <p>Objective 10 is consistent with Chapter 8 of the NPPF 2021.</p> <p>Chapter 8: <i>Promoting healthy and safe communities</i>. Paragraph 93 states: "To provide the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services the community needs, planning policies and decisions should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) plan positively for the provision and use of shared spaces, community facilities (such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, open space, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship) and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments; b) take into account and support the delivery of local strategies to improve health, social and cultural well-being for all sections of the community; c) guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services, particularly where this would reduce the community's ability to meet its day-to-day needs; d) ensure that established shops, facilities and services are able to develop and modernise, and are retained for the benefit of the community; and e) ensure an integrated approach to considering the location of housing, economic uses and community facilities and services." |
| <p>Objective 12 Local Economy and Employment – To continue encouraging tourism related employment, alongside jobs in other sectors, and working from home or close to home.</p> <p>Policy LAV 30: Visitor Facilities</p> <p>Policy LAV 31: Land at 47 to 48 Water Street</p> <p>Policy LAV 32: Support for small business development and home-based workers</p> | <p>Objective 6 is consistent with Chapter 6 in the NPPF 2021.</p> <p>Chapter 6: <i>Building a strong, competitive economy</i>. Paragraph 81 states: "Planning policies and decisions should help create the conditions in which businesses can invest, expand and adapt. Significant weight should be placed on the need to support economic growth and productivity, taking into account both local business needs and wider opportunities for development. The approach taken should allow each area to build on its strengths, counter any weaknesses and address the challenges of the future.</p> <p>Paragraph 84 states that planning policies and decisions should enable "c) sustainable rural tourism and leisure</p> |

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| | developments which respect the character of the countryside" |
| <p>Objective 13 Conservation and Enhancement – To protect Lavenham’s heritage and special landscape characteristics, for future generations to treasure and enjoy.</p> <p>Policy LAV 33: Designated heritage assets and their setting</p> <p>Policy LAV 34: Lavenham’s non-designated heritage assets</p> <p>Policy LAV 35: Protecting and enhancing Landscape character in Lavenham</p> <p>Policy LAV 36: Defined views</p> | <p>Objective 13 is consistent with Chapters 12, 15 and 16 of the NPPF 2021.</p> <p>Chapter 12: <i>Achieving well-designed places</i>: Paragraph 127 states that “Neighbourhood planning groups can play an important role in identifying the special qualities of each area and explaining how this should be reflected in development...”.</p> <p>Chapter 15: <i>Conserving and enhancing the natural environment</i>: Paragraph 174 b) states that “Planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by b) recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside.”</p> <p>Chapter 16: Conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Paragraph 190 states that “plans should set out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment”</p> |
| <p>Objective 14 Village Gateways – To respect, and strengthen, the distinctiveness and sense of arrival at our village gateways.</p> <p>Policy LAV 37: Protecting and strengthening settlement and landscape character at Lavenham’s village gateways</p> | <p>Objective 14 is consistent with Chapter 12 of the NPPF 2021.</p> <p>Chapter 12: <i>Achieving well-designed places</i>: Paragraph 127 states that “Neighbourhood planning groups can play an important role in identifying the special qualities of each area and explaining how this should be reflected in development...”.</p> |
| <p>Objective 15 New Build, Replacement and Infill – All new developments to contribute to Lavenham’s distinctiveness, to respect the existing built form, and to deliver high quality design.</p> <p>Policy LAV 38: Design and character</p> <p>Policy LAV 39: Replacement dwellings and infill sites</p> | <p>Objective 14 is consistent with Chapter 12 of the NPPF 2021.</p> <p>Chapter 12: <i>Achieving well-designed places</i>: Paragraph 127. See above.</p> |
| <p>Objective 16 Challenges inside the Settlement Boundary – To support measures that address challenges within Lavenham’s settlement boundary relating to:</p> | <p>Objective 16 is consistent with Chapter 9 of the NPPF 2021</p> <p>Chapter 9: <i>Promoting sustainable transport</i>. Paragraph 104 states “Transport issues should be considered from the</p> |

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| <p>traffic volumes; oversized and heavy vehicles; obstructed and inadequate pedestrian routes; and inadequate provision for cyclists.</p> <p>Policy LAV 40: Traffic movement in the village centre</p> <p>Policy 41: Planning for active travel</p> <p>Policy 42: Development and parking for motorised vehicles</p> | <p>earliest stages of plan-making and development proposals so that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the potential impacts of development on transport networks can be addressed b) opportunities from existing or proposed transport infrastructure, and in changing transport technology and usage, are realised- for example in relation to the scale, location or density of development that can be accommodated c) opportunities to promote walking, cycling and public transport are identified and pursued; d) the environmental impacts of traffic and transport infrastructure can be identified, assessed and taken into account – including appropriate opportunities for avoiding and mitigating any adverse effects, and for net environmental gains; and e) patterns of movement, streets, parking and other transport considerations are integral to the design of schemes and contribute to making high quality places.” <p>Paragraph 112 clarifies that applications should address the needs of people with disabilities and reduced mobility in relation to all modes of transport.</p> |

Table 2: LNP2 objectives assessed against the NPPF chapters.

3.5 Table 3 identifies the NPPF primary principles and explores how the NP policies are appropriate having regard for these.

| NPPF primary principles | Relevant LNP2 policies | How the submission LNP2 has regard to the NPPF |
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| <p>Chapter 2: Achieving sustainable development.</p> <p>Achieving sustainable development means that the planning system has three overarching objectives, which are interdependent and need to be pursued in mutually supportive ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an economic objective; - a social objective; and - an environmental objective <p>Chapter 2: Achieving sustainable development. Paragraph 11 a) states that “all plans should promote a sustainable pattern of development that seeks to: meet the development needs of their area; align growth and infrastructure; improve the environment; mitigate climate change (including by making effective use of land in urban areas) and adapt to its effects...”</p> <p>Paragraph 13 states that “Neighbourhood plans should support the delivery of strategic policies contained in local plans or spatial development strategies, and should shape and direct development that is outside of these strategic policies”</p> | All | <p>Policy LAV 13: A Spatial Strategy identifies an up to date Settlement Boundary, providing a clear basis for future planning decisions, whilst not undermining the potential for affordable housing for local people to be brought forward via rural exceptions sites (as per Policy LAV 17).</p> <p>The spatial strategy provides a basis for many other policies in LNP2 and allows for LNP2 to deliver on its housing requirement, which is 118 homes during the Local Plan period 2018 to 2037. This figure has been provided by the LPA as an indicative housing requirement.</p> |
| <p>Chapter 3: Plan Making.</p> <p>Planning should be genuinely planned. Succinct and up to date plans should provide a positive vision for the future of each area; a framework for addressing housing needs and other economic, social and environmental priorities; and a platform for local people to shape their surroundings.</p> | All | As above |
| <p>Chapter 5: Delivering a sufficient supply of homes.</p> | Policy LAV 13: A spatial strategy for Lavenham | The LPA has provided Lavenham parish with an indicative housing |

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| <p>“strategic policies should also set a housing requirement for designated neighbourhood areas which reflects the overall strategy for the pattern and scale of development and any relevant allocations” (paragraph 66)</p> <p>“Neighbourhood planning groups should also give particular consideration to the opportunities for allocating small and medium sized sites (of a size consistent with paragraph 69a) suitable for housing in their area” (paragraph 70)</p> <p>“In rural areas, planning policies and decisions should be responsive to local circumstances and support housing developments that reflect local needs. Local planning authorities should support opportunities to bring forward rural exception sites that will provide affordable housing to meet identified local needs and consider whether allowing some market housing on these sites would help to facilitate this.” (paragraph 78)</p> | <p>Policy LAV 14: Housing mix – meeting local needs</p> <p>Policy LAV 15: Affordable homes for local people</p> <p>Policy LAV 16: Allocation of First Homes</p> <p>Policy LAV 17: Affordable housing on rural exception sites</p> <p>Policy LAV 18: Supported housing</p> | <p>requirement figure of 118 to be delivered 2018 to 2037.</p> <p>Appendix 2 to LNP2 shows that as of 31 March 2022, 69 dwellings have since been completed, 21 are under construction and a further 23 are permitted not commenced. This equates to 113 dwellings contributing to the Lavenham housing requirement. In addition, the policies in LNP2 will allow for further development meaning the housing requirement can comfortably be met during the plan period.</p> <p>Policy LAV 17 is consistent with paragraph 78 of the NPPF 2021 with respect to rural exception sites.</p> |
| <p>Chapter 6: Building a strong, competitive economy.</p> <p>Planning policies and decisions should help create the conditions in which businesses can invest, expand and adapt. (paragraph 81)</p> <p>Planning policies and decisions should enable:</p> <p>a) the sustainable growth and expansion of all types of business in rural areas, both through conversion of existing buildings and well-designed new buildings;</p> <p>b) the development and diversification of agricultural and other land-based rural businesses;</p> | <p>Policy LAV 13: A spatial strategy for Lavenham</p> <p>Policy LAV 25: Community Facilities</p> <p>Policy LAV 27: Existing school site</p> <p>Policy LAV 28: Protecting and supporting public houses in the parish</p> <p>Policy LAV 29: Protecting and</p> | <p>Policy LAV 13 identifies an up to date built up area boundary, providing a clear basis for future planning decisions, whilst not undermining the potential for uses appropriate to supporting a rural economy to come forward outside the Settlement Boundary.</p> <p>LNP2 encourages tourism related employment, alongside jobs in other sectors, and working from home or close to home (as per Objective 12 and Policies LAV 30 to LAV 32).</p> <p>LNP2 also asserts the ‘core village’ hub of shops, services and</p> |

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| <p>c) sustainable rural tourism and leisure developments which respect the character of the countryside; and</p> <p>d) the retention and development of accessible local services and community facilities, such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, open space, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship (paragraph 84)</p> | <p>supporting Lavenham's Retail Core</p> <p>Policy LAV 30: Visitor Facilities</p> <p>Policy LAV 31: Land at 47 to 48 Water Street</p> <p>Policy LAV 32: Support for small business development and home-based workers</p> | <p>community infrastructure will continue to meet user needs – of local residents, workers and visitors, and of users from the hinterland villages (as per Objective 11 and Policies LAV 25 to LAV 29).</p> |
| <p>Chapter 7: Ensuring the vitality of town centres</p> <p>Planning policies and decisions should support the role that town centres play at the heart of local communities</p> | <p>Policy LAV 29: Protecting and supporting Lavenham's Retail Core</p> | <p>Policy LAV 29 defines the Lavenham Retail Core and supports new town centre uses within it. The policy also resists loss of ground floor uses in the retail core to residential uses. This is an important part of protecting and enhancing the vitality and viability of Lavenham's village centre, particularly in light of its role as a core village in the settlement hierarchy set out in the Local Plan.</p> |
| <p>Chapter 8: Promoting healthy and safe communities.</p> <p>"Planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which a) promote social interaction... b) are safe and accessible.... and c) enable and support healthy lifestyles especially where this would address identified local health and well being needs – for example through the provision of safe and accessible green infrastructure, sports facilities, local shops, access to healthier food, allotments and layouts that encourage walking and cycling" (paragraph 92c)</p> | <p>Policy LAV 19: Lavenham Local Green Spaces</p> <p>Policy LAV 20: Other Open Spaces of Value and informal green amenity spaces</p> <p>Policy LAV 21: New open space provision</p> <p>Policy LAV 22: Market Place</p> <p>Policy LAV 23: Public Rights of Way Network</p> | <p>LNP2 seeks to safeguard and improve open spaces and opportunities for outdoor recreation activities (as per Objective 10 and Policies LAV 19 - LAV 23). Policy LAV 19 aligns with paragraph 101 and 102 of the NPPF with respect to Local Green Spaces.</p> |

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| <p>“Access to a network of high quality open spaces and opportunities for sports and physical activity is important for health and well-being of communities, and can deliver wider benefits for nature and support efforts to address climate change” (paragraph 98)</p> <p>Planning policies and decisions should protect and enhance public rights of way and access, including taking opportunities to provide better facilities for users, for example by adding links to existing rights of way networks... (paragraph 100)</p> <p>The designation of land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. Designating land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. (paragraph 101)</p> | | |
| <p>Chapter 9: Promoting sustainable transport.</p> <p>Transport issues should be considered from the earliest stages of plan-making and development proposals so that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the potential impacts of development on transport networks can be addressed. b) opportunities from existing or proposed transport infrastructure, and in changing transport technology and usage, are realised- for example in relation to the scale, | <p>Policy LAV 13: A spatial strategy for Lavenham</p> <p>Policy LAV 40: Traffic movement in the village centre</p> <p>Policy 41: Planning for active travel</p> <p>Policy 42: Development and parking for motorised vehicles</p> | <p>Policy LAV 13 focuses new development within the boundaries of an up-to-date development boundary thereby ensuring new development is located close to existing village infrastructure, thereby reducing the need for journeys to be made by motorised vehicles.</p> <p>Policy LAV 40 seeks to ensure the environmental impacts of traffic on the village centre can be identified and assessed.</p> <p>Policy 41 is focused on ensuring opportunities to promote walking</p> |

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| <p>location or density of development that can be accommodated</p> <p>c) opportunities to promote walking, cycling and public transport are identified and pursued;</p> <p>d) the environmental impacts of traffic and transport infrastructure can be identified, assessed and taken into account – including appropriate opportunities for avoiding and mitigating any adverse effects, and for net environmental gains; and</p> <p>e) patterns of movement, streets, parking and other transport considerations are integral to the design of schemes, and contribute to making high quality places (paragraph 104)</p> | | <p>and cycling are identified and pursued when new developments come forward.</p> <p>Policy 42 requires that the parking implications of new development proposals are integral to the design of schemes.</p> |
| <p>Chapter 10: Supporting high quality communications.</p> <p>Paragraph 114 states: “Communications infrastructure is essential for economic growth and social well-being. Planning policies and decisions should support the expansion of electronic communications networks, including next generation mobile technology (such as 5G) and full fibre broadband connections. Policies should set out how high quality digital infrastructure, providing access to services from a range of providers, is expected to be delivered and upgraded over time; and should prioritise full fibre connections to existing and new developments (as these connections will, in almost all cases, provide the optimum solution).”</p> | <p>Policy LAV 12: Broadband infrastructure</p> | <p>Policy LAV 12 aligns well with Paragraph 114 of the NPPF.</p> |

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| <p>Chapter 11: Making effective use of land.</p> <p>Paragraph 124 states that “Planning policies and decisions should support development that makes effective use of land, taking into account a) the identified need for different types of housing and other forms of development, and the availability of land suitable for accommodating it b) local market conditions and viability c) the availability and capacity of infrastructure and services d) the desirability of maintaining an area’s prevailing character and setting (including residential gardens), or of promoting regeneration and change and e) the importance of securing well-designed, attractive and healthy places</p> | <p>Policy LAV 13: A spatial strategy for Lavenham</p> <p>Policy LAV 38: Design and Character</p> | <p>The Settlement Boundary itself will direct new development to the existing footprint of the village. This will help ensure land is used most effectively.</p> <p>Policy LAV 38 requires development proposals to “reflect existing densities in neighbouring plots but applying a lower density in edge of settlement locations to ensure an appropriate transition to the countryside”</p> |
| <p>Chapter 12: Achieving well-designed places.</p> <p>The creation of high quality buildings and places is fundamental to what the planning and development process should achieve.</p> <p>Paragraph 127 states “Plans should, at the most appropriate level, set out a clear design vision and expectations, so that applicants have as much certainty as possible about what is likely to be acceptable. Design policies should be developed with local communities, so they reflect local aspirations, and are grounded in an understanding and evaluation of each area’s defining characteristics. Neighbourhood planning groups can play an important role in identifying the special qualities of each area and explaining how this should be reflected in development, both through their own plans and by engaging in the</p> | <p>Policy LAV 22: Market Place</p> <p>Policy LAV 35: Protecting and enhancing Landscape character in Lavenham</p> <p>Policy LAV 36: Defined views</p> <p>Policy LAV 37: Protecting and strengthening settlement and landscape character at Lavenham’s village gateways</p> <p>Policy LAV 38: Design and character</p> <p>Policy LAV 39: Replacement dwellings and infill sites</p> | <p>LNP2 has been informed by the Lavenham Landscape Character & Sensitivity Assessment 2023 and the Lavenham Design Guide 2023. Policies LAV 22, LAV 35, LAV 36, LAV 37, LAV 38 and LAV 39 have been informed through the character assessment work. This approach is consistent with Paragraphs 127 and 130 of the NPPF 2021.</p> |

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| <p>production of design policy, guidance and codes by local planning authorities and developers.”</p> <p>Paragraph 130 states “Planning policies and decisions should ensure that developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) will function well and add to the overall quality of the area, not just for the short term but over the lifetime of the development b) are visually attractive as a result of good architecture, layout and appropriate and effective landscaping c) are sympathetic to local character and history, including the surrounding built environment and landscape setting, while not preventing or discouraging appropriate innovation or change (such as increased densities); d) establish or maintain a strong sense of place, using the arrangement of streets, spaces, building types and materials to create attractive, welcoming and distinctive places to live, work and visit; e) optimise the potential of the site to accommodate and sustain an appropriate amount and mix of development (including green and other public space) and support local facilities and transport networks; and f) create places that are safe, inclusive and accessible and which promote health and well-being, with a high standard of amenity for existing and future users; and where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion and resilience.” | | |
| Chapter 13: Protecting Green Belt land. | No applicable policies | No green belt land in the parish. |

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| <p>Chapter 14: Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change.</p> <p>Paragraph 152 states the that the planning system should “support the transition to a low carbon future in a changing climate, taking full account of flood risk and coastal change. It should help to: shape places in ways that contribute to radical reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, minimise vulnerability and improve resilience; encourage the reuse of existing resources, including conversion of existing buildings, and support renewable or low carbon energy and associated infrastructure”</p> | <p>Policy LAV 1: Climate change mitigation and adaptation</p> <p>Policy LAV 2: Achieving zero carbon homes standards</p> <p>Policy LAV 3: Improving the environmental performance of our historic and traditional buildings</p> <p>Policy LAV 4: Improving the environmental performance of non-traditional buildings</p> <p>Policy LAV 5: Lavenham renewable energy and low carbon infrastructure</p> <p>Policy LAV 6: Managing surface water flood risk in Lavenham</p> <p>Policy LAV 7: Essential infrastructure for managing and mitigating extreme weather events.</p> <p>Policies LAV 8 – LAV 10 (see below)</p> <p>Policy LAV 11: Sustainable life and work patterns in Lavenham</p> | <p>Policies LAV 1 through to LAV 7 are all focused on climate change mitigation and adaptation measures. This is in line with Paragraph 152 of the NPPF.</p> |

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| | Policy LAV 12: Broadband infrastructure | |
| <p>Chapter 15. Conserving and enhancing the natural environment. Paragraph 174 a) and b) states that planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by a) protecting and enhancing valued landscapes...b) recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside.”</p> <p>To protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity, “plans should identify, map and safeguard components of local wildlife-rich habitats and wider ecological networks” and “promote the conservation, restoration and enhancement of priority habitats, ecological networks and recovery of priority species; and identify and pursue opportunities for securing measurable net gains for biodiversity” (paragraph 179)</p> | <p>Policy LAV 8: Biodiversity network enhancement and expansion zones in Lavenham.</p> <p>Policy LAV 9: Lavenham sites of biodiversity value</p> <p>Policy LAV 10: Mitigation hierarchy and delivering biodiversity net gain in Lavenham</p> | <p>As a whole the NP seeks to protect and enhance biodiversity. Policies LAV 8, LAV 9 and LAV 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - identify opportunities to improve biodiversity in the parish - identify sites of existing biodiversity value - requires the application of the mitigation hierarchy to managing the impact development has on the natural environment in the parish. - requires proposals to deliver net gains in biodiversity. This is consistent with Paragraph 179 of the NPPF. |
| <p>Chapter 16. Conserving and enhancing the historic environment.</p> <p>Heritage assets range from sites and buildings of local historic value to those of the highest significance, such as World Heritage Sites which are internationally recognised to be of Outstanding Universal Value. These assets are an irreplaceable resource, and should be conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance, so that they can be enjoyed for their contribution to the quality of life of existing and future generations. (paragraph 189)</p> | <p>Policy LAV 33: Designated heritage assets and their setting</p> <p>Policy LAV 34: Lavenham’s non-designated heritage assets</p> | <p>Lavenham is regarded by many as Britain’s best preserved medieval village and LNP2 has a responsibility to ensure its precious and irreplaceable heritage assets including its historic core and its setting as a whole is conserved and enhanced. Policies LAV 33 and LAV 34 seek to do this so that Lavenham can be enjoyed by future generations. This approach is consistent with Chapter 16 in the NPPF.</p> |

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| <p>Chapter 17. Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals.</p> <p>It is essential that there is a sufficient supply of minerals to provide the infrastructure, buildings, energy and goods that the country needs. Since minerals are a finite natural resource, and can only be worked where they are found, best use needs to be made of them to secure their long-term conservation</p> | None. | <p>Suffolk County Council is the Minerals and Waste Authority and has adopted the 2020 Minerals and Waste Local Plan. There are no minerals sites identified in Lavenham parish.</p> |

Table 3: NPPF primary principles and how the LNP2 planning policies are appropriate having regard to these.

4 How LNP2 contributes towards the achievement of sustainable development

- 4.1 The NPPF states, in paragraph 11, that plans and decisions should apply a presumption in favour of sustainable development.
- 4.2 Paragraph 8 of the NPPF explains that to achieve sustainable development the planning system has three overarching objectives (economic, social and environmental) which are interdependent and need to be pursued in mutually supportive ways.

| The three overarching objectives in the planning system as defined in the NPPF: |
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| <p>An economic objective</p> <p><i>to help build a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right types is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth, innovation and improved productivity; and by identifying and coordinating the provision of infrastructure</i></p> |
| <p>A social objective</p> <p><i>to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by ensuring that a sufficient number and range of homes can be provided to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by fostering a well-designed and safe built environment, with accessible services and open spaces that reflect current and future needs and support communities' health, social and cultural well-being; and</i></p> |
| <p>An environmental objective</p> <p><i>to contribute to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment, including making effective use of land, helping to improve biodiversity, using natural resources prudently, minimising waste and pollution, and mitigating and adapting to climate change, including moving to a low carbon economy.</i></p> |

- 4.3 Table 4 below provides an overview as to how the plan as a whole contributes towards the sustainable development goals as defined in the NPPF.

| The Sustainable Development Goals | LNP 2 Dimension |
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| Economic | <p>Key to LNP2 is Policy LAV 13. This defines an up-to-date settlement boundary and in so doing provides a clear basis for future planning decisions.</p> <p>In addition, LNP2 seeks, as per Objective 12 and Policies LAV 30 – LAV 32, to continue to encourage tourism related employment, alongside jobs in other sectors, and working from home or close to home.</p> <p>Key to tourism is the continued preservation of the historic core and the surrounding landscape that contributes to its significance. From this perspective, there is an economic dimension to Objective 13 (Conservation and Enhancement) and Policies LAV 31 to LAV 36.</p> |
| Social | <p>Social goals feature strongly in LNP2, in particular through Theme Two <i>A flourishing community, sustainable and resilient</i> and the objectives and policies that sit under this theme, especially:</p> |

| The Sustainable Development Goals | LNP 2 Dimension |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective 9 Housing - All changes to our housing stock to contribute towards making our community more resilient and balanced • Objective 11 Community Facilities and Infrastructure - Our 'core village' hub of shops, services and community infrastructure will continue to meet user needs – of local residents, workers and visitors, and of users from our hinterland villages. |
| Environmental | <p>Environmental goals feature strongly in LNP2, in particular through Theme One <i>Responding to the climate change emergency</i> and the objectives and policies that sit under it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective 1 New Build Energy Standards – All new build to meet rigorous energy efficiency standards and achieve low carbon heating so as to minimise carbon emissions. • Objective 2 Upgrading Existing Buildings – Lavenham will be a beacon for upgrading the existing buildings (including historic buildings). • Objective 3 Renewable Energy Infrastructure – To support new renewable energy infrastructure in Lavenham parish. • Objective 4 Flood Events – To minimise and improve our ability to deal with flood events. • Objective 5 Extreme Weather Events – To improve our ability to cope with, and to mitigate the effects of, future weather events. • Objective 6 Biodiversity Networks – To strengthen and extend Lavenham's biodiversity networks. • Objective 7 Carbon Footprints – To develop infrastructure that helps our residents, workers and visitors to lower their carbon footprints. |

Table 4: How LNP2 contributes towards the achievement of sustainable development (as defined by the NPPF)

4.4 Table 5 below provides an analysis, policy by policy, as to how LNP2 contributes towards achieving the sustainable development goals in the NPPF.

| NP policies | Economic goal | Social | Environmental |
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| Policy LAV 1: Climate change mitigation and adaptation | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Policy LAV 2: Achieving zero carbon homes standards | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Policy LAV 3: Improving the environmental performance of our historic and traditional buildings | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Policy LAV 4: Improving the environmental performance of non-traditional buildings | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Policy LAV 5: Lavenham renewable energy and low carbon infrastructure | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Policy LAV 6: Managing surface water flood risk in Lavenham | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Policy LAV 7: Essential infrastructure for managing and mitigating extreme weather events. | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Policy LAV 8: Biodiversity network enhancement and expansion zones in Lavenham. | | | ✓ |
| Policy LAV 9: Lavenham sites of biodiversity value | | | ✓ |
| Policy LAV 10: Mitigation hierarchy and delivering biodiversity net gain in Lavenham | | | ✓ |
| Policy LAV 11: Sustainable life and work patterns in Lavenham | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Policy LAV 12: Broadband infrastructure | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Policy LAV 13: A spatial strategy for Lavenham | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

| NP policies | Economic goal | Social | Environmental |
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| Policy LAV 14: Housing mix – meeting local needs | | ✓ | |
| Policy LAV 15: Affordable homes for local people | | ✓ | |
| Policy LAV 16: Allocation of First Homes | | ✓ | |
| Policy LAV 17: Affordable housing on rural exception sites | | ✓ | |
| Policy LAV 18: Supported housing | | ✓ | |
| Policy LAV 19: Lavenham Local Green Spaces | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Policy LAV 20: Other Open Spaces of Value and informal green amenity spaces | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Policy LAV 21: New open space provision | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Policy LAV 22: Market Place | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Policy LAV 23: Public Rights of Way Network | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Policy LAV 24: Allotments | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Policy LAV 25: Community Facilities | | | |
| Policy LAV 26: Health facilities and services | | ✓ | |
| Policy LAV 27: Existing school site | | ✓ | |
| Policy LAV 28: Protecting and supporting public houses in the parish | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Policy LAV 29: Protecting and supporting Lavenham’s Retail Core | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Policy LAV 30: Visitor Facilities | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Policy LAV 31: Land at 47 to 48 Water Street | ✓ | ✓ | |

| NP policies | Economic goal | Social | Environmental |
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| Policy LAV 32: Support for small business development and home-based workers | ✓ | | |
| Policy LAV 33: Designated heritage assets and their setting | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Policy LAV 34: Lavenham's non-designated heritage assets | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Policy LAV 35: Protecting and enhancing Landscape character in Lavenham | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Policy LAV 36: Defined views | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Policy LAV 37: Protecting and strengthening settlement and landscape character at Lavenham's village gateways | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Policy LAV 38: Design and character | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Policy LAV 39: Replacement dwellings and infill sites | | ✓ | |
| Policy LAV 40: Traffic movement in the village centre | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Policy 41: Planning for active travel | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Policy 42: Development and parking for motorised vehicles | | ✓ | |

Table 5: An analysis of the LNP2 policies against the sustainable development goals.

5 General conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan

5.1 Within Babergh District Council, the statutory development plan comprises:

- the Babergh Core Strategy 2011 to 2031 adopted in February 2014
- Saved policies from the Babergh Local Plan
- The Suffolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan (July 2020)
- made neighbourhood plans.

5.2 National planning policy guidance provides a definition of what is meant by ‘general conformity’:

“When considering whether a policy is in general conformity a qualifying body, independent examiner, or local planning authority, should consider the following:

- whether the neighbourhood plan policy or development proposal supports and upholds the general principle that the strategic policy is concerned with
- the degree, if any, of conflict between the draft neighbourhood plan policy or development proposal and the strategic policy
- whether the draft neighbourhood plan policy or development proposal provides an additional level of detail and/or a distinct local approach to that set out in the strategic policy without undermining that policy
- the rationale for the approach taken in the draft neighbourhood plan or order and the evidence to justify that approach.”

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5.3 Adopted Local Plan (as of April 2023)

5.3.1 **Babergh Core Strategy 2011 to 2031** The adopted policies in the Babergh Core Strategy have been summarised in Table 6 below.

5.3.2 **Saved Policies from the 2006 Local plan** The saved policies from the 2006 Local Plan can be accessed at <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/BDC-current-policies-june-2016.pdf> A number of these can be eliminated as being of no relevance to the Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan due to their site specific nature. Others are summarised in Table 7.

5.3.3 Tables 6 and 7 provide a brief assessment of the relevance of the Local Plan policies to LNP2 and considers whether the NP policies are in broad conformity with these policies. As can be seen from these tables, there is a comprehensive set of adopted planning policies that apply to the LNP2 area. The vast majority of LNP2 policies are found to be consistent with the policies in the adopted Local Plan and several LNP2 policies are found, in line with accepted practice, to provide an additional level of detail and/or a distinct local approach to that set out in the strategic policy without undermining the strategic policy.

5.3.4 A few areas of tension have been found:

Area of tension 1: Babergh Core Strategy 2014 Policy CS11 Strategy for Development and Core and Hinterland Villages & LNP2 Policy LAV 13

- 5.3.5 The 2014 Babergh Core Strategy changed the role of the BUAB as it no longer functioned to contain development within these boundaries. Policy CS11 intentionally provides greater flexibility for appropriate development beyond the BUAB, subject to specified criteria set out in the policy as well as in Policy CS15 of the 2014 Babergh Core Strategy. Policy CS11 states that development for Core Villages will be approved where proposals score positively when assessed against Policy CS15 and the following matters are addressed to the satisfaction of the local planning authority (or other decision maker) where relevant and appropriate to the scale and location of the proposal:
- i) the landscape, environmental and heritage characteristics of the village;
 - ii) the locational context of the village and the proposed development (particularly the AONBs, Conservation Areas, and heritage assets)
 - iii) site location and sequential approach to site selection;
 - iv) locally identified need - housing and employment, and specific local needs such as affordable housing;
 - v) locally identified community needs; and
 - vi) cumulative impact of development in the area in respect of social, physical and environmental impacts.
- 5.3.6 Policy LAV 13 (A spatial strategy) in LNP2 proposes a new up to date Settlement Boundary. This would supersede the Lavenham BUAB which is part of the 2006 Local Plan Saved Policies. Policy LAV 13 also departs from the approach set out in Policy CS11 since it takes a more restrictive approach to development outside the Settlement Boundary.
- 5.3.7 However, LNP2 is supported by detail required in order to apply Policy CS11 more precisely in practice. This is through the Lavenham Landscape Character and Sensitivity Assessment 2023, the Lavenham Design Guide and the policies in the LNP2 that are informed by these documents e.g., LAV 35 (Protecting and enhancing landscape character in Lavenham).
- 5.3.8 In conclusion, whilst a different approach is taken in LNP2 to the approach set out in Policy CS11 in the Core Strategy, in practice, LNP2 provides the required tools to implement Policy CS11 as intended at the local level.

Area of tension 2: Saved policies from 2006 Local Plan Policies HS39 Special needs housing HS40 Special needs housing and Policy LAV 18 in LNP2

- 5.3.9 The 2006 Saved Policies includes two development management policies HS39 and HS40. These set out circumstances when planning applications for nursing, residential care, rest homes and sheltered housing and extensions to such homes will be permitted. One of the criteria is that such schemes should be within the built-up area of the town. An area of tension has been identified between these policies and LNP2 because it includes a Lavenham specific policy LAV 18: Supported housing that incorporates a strong preference for schemes of no more than 12 units and to meet local needs.
- 5.3.10 The rationale for the approach in LNP2 is based on the heritage and landscape sensitivities of Lavenham as a settlement and that schemes providing more than 12 units are likely to be out of keeping with existing built form in the village. To conclude, the approach taken in LNP2 is recognised as a departure but one that is justified by the specific circumstances in Lavenham.

Area of tension 3: Saved policy from 2006 Local Plan CR04 Special Landscape areas and Policy LAV 35 in LNP2.

- 5.3.11 Saved policy CR04 sets out circumstances when development in Special Landscape Areas (SLAs) will be allowed. Large swathes of the countryside around Lavenham falls within a defined SLA.
- 5.3.12 Policy LAV 35 (Protecting and enhancing landscape character) in LNP2 on the other hand, defines the Lavenham Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity. This is defined in the map supporting the policy. The extent is supported by the Lavenham Landscape and Sensitivity Assessment 2023.
- 5.3.13 Here it is noted however that the emerging Local Plan proposes to supersede Saved Policy 35 through Policy LP17. Policy LP17 does not refer to any land defined as a special landscape area. To conclude, the approach taken in LNP2 is recognised as a departure from the 2006 Local Plan but one that is justified by up-to-date evidence as well as by the fact that the Special Landscape Areas defined in the Local Plan are due to be superseded through the emerging Local Plan.

5.4 Emerging Joint Local Plan

- 5.4.1 Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils (BMSDCs) submitted their Joint Local Plan on 31 March 2021 for independent examination. Examination proceedings were subsequently paused in October 2021 to allow the Councils to consider the scope of additional work that needed to be undertaken for the joint Local Plan to continue to progress through examination.
- 5.4.2 On 16 March 2023, the BMSDCs started a 6-week consultation period on their Proposed Modifications to the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan in accordance with section 20 (7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The Proposed Modifications comprises a set of 10 strategic planning policies (Table 8) and 32 non-strategic planning policies (Table 9)
- 5.4.3 The assessment shown in Tables 8 and 9 finds that there are a number of areas where LNP2 provides an additional level of detail to that set out in the Local Plan. Again, as with the adopted Local Plan, a few areas of tension have been found:

Area of tension 1: Emerging Local Plan Policy SP03 The sustainable location of new development and Policy LAV 13 in LNP1

- 5.4.4 Emerging Local Plan policy SP03 is a strategic policy that is linked to settlement boundaries set out on the Policies Map. The settlement boundaries have not been updated as part of the Proposed Modifications and have been brought forward from the Saved Policies of the 2006 Local Plan.
- 5.4.5 Policy SP03 departs from the approach in Policy CS11 of the Core Strategy by taking a stricter approach to proposals outside the Settlement Boundary. It reads: *“Outside of the settlement boundaries, development will normally only be permitted where the site is allocated for development, or in a made Neighbourhood Plan, or is specifically permitted by other relevant policies of this Plan, or it is in accordance with paragraph 80 of the NPPF (2021).”*
- 5.4.6 LNP2 departs from SP03 by proposing an up-to-date Settlement Boundary via Policy LAV 13. However, this is entirely appropriate since the older Built-Up Area Boundaries have been breached in several places through new development. LNP2 is therefore in general conformity with the Proposed Modifications.

Area of tension 2: Emerging Local Plan policy LP01 Windfall infill development outside settlement boundaries and Policy LAV 13 in LNP2

5.4.7 The area of tension here can be disregarded as far as the basic conditions are concerned since emerging policy LP01 is a non-strategic policy. The policy allows in principle infill development outside settlement boundaries where there is a nucleus of at least 10 well related dwellings. An area of tension is identified since the spatial policy in LNP2, Policy LAV 13, does not allow for infill residential development outside the Settlement Boundary. In practice, this departure is of no consequence as no nucleus developed areas, comprising 10 or more dwellings, are actually located outside the Settlement Boundary.

Area of tension 3: Emerging Local Plan policy LP06 supported and Special Needs Housing and Policy LAV 18 in LNP2.

5.4.8 As above, this area of tension can also be disregarded since emerging Policy LP06 is a non-strategic policy. Policy LP06 sets out circumstances where proposals for supported and special needs housing will be supported. With respect to supported housing schemes, Policy LAV 18 takes a more distinctive approach by only supporting small-scale schemes to meet local needs. The approach taken in LAV 18 is appropriate given the heritage and landscape sensitivities of the settlement.

Area of tension 4: Emerging Local Plan policy LP07 Community-led and rural exception housing and Policy LAV 17 in LNP2

5.4.9 Again, a non-strategic policy and therefore can be disregarded as far as the basic conditions test. Policy LP07 sets generic requirements for community-led housing schemes and rural exception sites. For community led housing proposals, the policy states proposals must demonstrate that a) the scheme was initiated by and is being led by a legitimate community group and has community support. For rural exception sites, the policy states the proposal must be well-connected to an existing settlement and proportionate in size to it. Policy LAV 17 supports rural exception sites in principle but applies a preferred cap of 12 dwellings whereas the LP07 states the sites must be proportionate in size to the settlement.

The Suffolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan (July 2020),

5.2.5 There is a wastewater treatment facility to the southeast of Lavenham, on the Brent Eleigh Road. This is safeguarded under the Minerals and Waste Local Plan. This is not impacted by any of the policies in LNP2.

Table 6: Assessment of conformity of LNP2 with Core Strategy

| Plan Policy | Description (where applicable to Lavenham) | Comment regarding general conformity |
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| CS1 Applying the Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development | <p>The presumption in favour of sustainable development comes from the NPPF, which has been updated since the adoption of the Core Strategy.</p> <p>Additional note on Lavenham specific implications: NPPF policy regarding the presumption in favour of sustainable development will apply in Lavenham. The LNDP does not and could not alter this.</p> | <p>No conflict</p> <p>Additional note on Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications: Policy CS1 superseded by paragraph 7 of NPPF 2021.</p> |
| CS2 Settlement Pattern Policy | <p>CS2 states that Core Villages will act as a focus for development within their functional cluster and, where appropriate, site allocations to meet housing and employment needs will be made in the Site Allocations document.</p> <p>CS2 states that in all cases the scale and location of development will depend upon the local housing need, the role of settlements as employment providers and retail/service centres, the capacity of existing physical and social infrastructure to meet forecast demands and the provision of new / enhanced infrastructure, as well as having regard to environmental constraints and the views of local communities as expressed in parish / community / neighbourhood plans</p> <p>Additional note on Lavenham specific implications: Lavenham village is recognised as a Core Village in the Settlement Hierarchy set out in Policy CS2.</p> | <p>No conflict. The spatial strategy set out in Policy LAV 13 (A spatial strategy) is consistent with Lavenham's role as a Core Village</p> <p>Additional note on Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications: Policy CS2 to be superseded by SP03, SP05, LP01</p> |

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| CS3 Strategy for Growth and Development | <p>Policy CS3 states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - proposals for employment uses that will contribute to the local economy and increase the sustainability of Core Villages, Hinterland Villages and the rural economy will be promoted and supported where appropriate in scale, character and nature to their locality - Town centres and Core Villages are the main focus for retail, leisure and community uses in the district. <p>The policy commits the district to make provision for 5,975 new dwellings between 2011 and 2031 It states the housing target will be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Existing commitments as identified in the trajectory; - Allowing for a windfall figure of 1,640 dwellings; <p>Making provision for 2,500 new dwellings to be built in specific locations broken down between Sudbury and Great Cornard (850), Hadleigh (250), Ipswich Fringe (350) and the Core and Hinterland Villages (1050)</p> <p>Additional note on specific implications to Lavenham: Lavenham is a Core Village</p> | <p>No conflict. LNP2 recognises the function of Lavenham as a core village and the contribution it should be making towards the achievement of building homes as part of the rural growth strategy.</p> <p>LNP2 Policy LAV 13 (A spatial strategy) provides the spatial strategy for the plan area. This approach will meet the indicative housing requirement figure as provided by BMSDC.</p> <p>Policy LAV 29 (Protecting and enhancing Lavenham's retail core) is focused on protecting and enhancing the vitality and viability of Lavenham's retail core.</p> <p>Additional note on Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications: Policy CS3 to be superseded by SP03, SP05, SP06, LP01, LP11</p> |
| CS4 Chilton Woods Strategic Land Allocation and Strategy for Sudbury/Great Cornard | Not applicable. | |
| CS5 Strategic broad location – East of Sudbury/Great Conard | Not applicable. | |
| CS6 Hadleigh | Not applicable. | |
| CS7 Strategic Site Allocation – Babergh Ipswich Fring | Not applicable. | |

| Plan Policy | Description (where applicable to Lavenham) | Comment regarding general conformity |
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| CS8 Sroughton Strategic Employment Site Allocation | Not applicable. | |
| CS9 Wherstead Strategic Employment Site Allocation | Not applicable. | |
| CS10 Brantham Regeneration Area Allocation | Not applicable. | |
| CS11 Strategy for Development and Core and Hinterland Villages. | <p>The 2006 Local Plan Saved Policies includes policies relating to the Built-up Area Boundaries (BUAB). The BUAB for Lavenham is part of the 2006 Local Plan Saved Policies. The 2014 Babergh Core Strategy however changes the role of the BUAB as it no longer functions to contain development within these boundaries. Policy CS11 intentionally provides greater flexibility for appropriate development beyond the BUAB, subject to specified criteria set out in the policy as well as in Policy CS15 of the 2014 Babergh Core Strategy.</p> <p>Policy CS11 states that development for Core Villages will be approved where proposals score positively when assessed against Policy CS15 and the following matters are addressed to the satisfaction of the local planning authority (or other decision maker) where relevant and appropriate to the scale and location of the proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the landscape, environmental and heritage characteristics of the village; ii) the locational context of the village and the proposed development (particularly the AONBs, Conservation Areas, and heritage assets) iii) site location and sequential approach to site selection; | <p>Area of tension</p> <p>Policy LAV 13 (A spatial strategy) proposes a new up to date Settlement Boundary. This would supersede the Lavenham BUAB which is part of the 2006 Local Plan Saved Policies.</p> <p>Policy LAV 13 also departs from the approach set out in Policy CS11 since it takes a more restrictive approach to development outside the Settlement Boundary.</p> <p>As a whole however, LNP2 is supported by detail with respect to the detail required in order to apply Policy CS11 more precisely in practice. This is through the Lavenham Landscape Character and Sensitivity Assessment 2023, the Lavenham Design Guide and the policies in the LNP2 that are informed by these documents (e.g., LAV 35 (Protecting and enhancing landscape character in Lavenham)).</p> |

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| | <p>iv) locally identified need - housing and employment, and specific local needs such as affordable housing; v) locally identified community needs; and vi) cumulative impact of development in the area in respect of social, physical and environmental impacts.</p> <p>Additional note on specific implications to Lavenham: Defines a Built Up Area Boundary around Lavenham</p> | <p>Additional note on Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications: Policy CS11 to be superseded by SP03, SP05, LP12, LP01, LP11, LP12, LP28</p> |
| CS12 Sustainable Design and Construction Standards | <p>This policy deals largely with large scale development which will not be relevant to Lavenham.</p> <p>It also states that all new non-residential developments will be expected to achieve, as a minimum, the BREEAM “Excellent” standard or equivalent.</p> | <p>No conflict. Policies LAV 1 (Climate change mitigation and adaptation), LAV 2 (Achieving zero carbon homes standards), LAV 3 (Improving the environmental performance of our historic and traditional buildings) and LAV 4 (Improving the environmental performance of non-traditional buildings) complement the strategic approach.</p> <p>Additional note on Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications: Policy CS12 to be superseded by LP23</p> |
| CS13 Renewable/Low Carbon Energy | <p>This states that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - all new development will be required to minimise dependence on fossil fuels and make the fullest contribution to the mitigation of climate change through adopting a sustainable approach to energy use. - the Council will support proposals for development that includes on-site low and zero carbon technologies including, where appropriate, proposals to retrofit existing buildings as part of schemes to extend or convert those buildings. In all cases, the Council will encourage and support community initiatives, | <p>No conflict. Policies LAV 1, 2, 3 and 4 complement the strategic approach by providing a proactive approach at the local level.</p> <p>Additional note on Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications: Policy CS13 to be superseded by LP25</p> |

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| | <p>including linking with / contributing to the provision of local off-site renewable energy sources and the use of energy service companies (ESCOs) or similar energy saving initiatives.</p> | |
| CS14 Green Infrastructure | <p>CS14 Green Infrastructure</p> <p>The policy includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Existing green infrastructure will be protected and enhanced. In new developments green infrastructure will be a key consideration - All new development will make provision for high quality, multi-functional green infrastructure appropriate to the scale and nature of the proposal. - Particular consideration will be given to ensuring new provision establishes links with existing green infrastructure, providing a well connected network of green infrastructure in urban and rural areas. | <p>Green infrastructure is addressed in LNP2 in a way which complements the approach taken in the Local Plan.</p> <p>Policies LAV 19 (Local Green Spaces) and LAV 20 (Other open spaces of value and informal green amenity spaces) seek to protect existing open spaces. Policies LAV 23 (Public Rights of Way Network) and LAV 24 (Allotments) seek to protect and enhance outdoor recreation facilities including footpaths, bridleways</p> <p>Policies LAV 9 (Lavenham sites of biodiversity value) and LAV 10 (Mitigation hierarchy and delivering biodiversity net gain) flag up the importance of existing biodiversity networks and seeks that opportunities are taken to build on these when new development comes forward.</p> <p>Additional note on Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications: Policy CS14 to be superseded by LP28</p> |
| CS15 Implementing Sustainable Development in Babergh | <p>This policy provides specific criteria for development proposals coming forward under Policy CS11 of the Core Strategy (i.e., Core village development)</p> | <p>LNP2 and its supporting documents provides the detailed context as to how development proposals can meet the criteria in the CS15. As with LNP1, LNP2 therefore plays a strong complementary role to this policy.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Respect the landscape, landscape features, streetscape / townscape, heritage assets, important spaces and historic views; - Make a positive contribution to the local character, shape and scale of the area; - Protect or create jobs and sites to strengthen or diversify the local economy particularly through the potential for new employment in higher skilled occupations to help to reduce the level of out-commuting, and raise workforce skills and incomes; - Ensure an appropriate level of services, facilities and infrastructure are available or provided to serve the proposed development; - Retain, protect or enhance local services and facilities and rural communities; - Consider the aspirations and level and range of support required to address deprivation, access to services, and the wider needs of an ageing population and also those of smaller rural communities | <p>Specific relevant policies are Policies Policy LAV 13 (A spatial strategy), LAV 18 (Supported housing), LAV 22 (Market Place), LAV 25 (Community Facilities), LAV 26 (Health facilities and services), LAV 27 (Exiting school site), LAV 32 (Land at 47 to 48 Water Street), LAV 32 (Support for small business development and home based workers), LAV 33 (Designated heritage assets and their setting), LAV 34 (Lavenham's non designated heritage assets), Policy LAV 35 (Protecting and enhancing landscape character in Lavenham, LAV 36 (Defined views), LAV 37 (Protecting and strengthening settlement and landscape character at Lavenham's village gateways, LAV 38 (Design and Character).</p> <p>Additional note on Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications: Policy CS15 to be superseded by SP09, SP10, LP15 – LP19, LP23 – LP30</p> |
| CS16 Town, Village and Local Centres | <p>Relevant parts of this policy include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retail, leisure, tourism, cultural and office development will continue to be focussed in Sudbury and Hadleigh, and in village and local centres at an appropriate scale and character for the location..... | <p>Policy LAV 29 in LNP2 supports this strategic policy by focusing new shops and services within the retail core of Lavenham.</p> <p>Additional note on Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications: Policy CS16 to be superseded by SP06, SP07, LP11, LP12, LP28</p> |
| CS17 The Rural Economy | Historic villages, such as Lavenham and Long Melford and coastal villages such as Chelmondiston and Shotley play an important role | LNP2 is underpinned by a recognition that Lavenham's economy will continue to be |

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| | <p>in tourism and leisure within the district, and appropriate new development that supports this role will be encouraged.</p> <p>Additional note on specific implications to Lavenham: The policy recognises the role of Lavenham to tourism</p> | <p>underpinned by tourism and that preservation of the historic core is central to this. Specific policies include LAV 30 (Visitor Facilities), LAV 33 (Designated heritage assets and their setting), LAV 35 (Protecting and enhancing landscape character in Lavenham), LAV 36 (Defined views).</p> <p>Additional note on Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications: Policy CS17 to be superseded by SP05, SP06, SP07, LP12, LP13, LP20, LP22, LP28</p> |
| CS18 Mix and Types of Dwellings | <p>This states that residential development that provides for the needs of the district's population, particularly the needs of older people will be supported where such local needs exist, and at a scale appropriate to the size of the development. The mix, type and size of the housing development will be expected to reflect established needs in the Babergh district (see also Policy CS15).</p> | <p>Policy LAV 14 (Housing mix), together with its supporting evidence, complements the strategic approach,</p> <p>Additional note on Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications: Policy CS18 to be superseded by SP01, LP06</p> |
| CS19 Affordable Homes | <p>Requires of all residential schemes to achieve 35% affordable housing. Where viability is a proven issue, Policy CS19 states that "The onus is on developers to provide documentary evidence to support cases where development viability is a proven issue, and where such cases are accepted the local planning authority will determine an appropriate proportion of affordable homes, tenure mix and/or appropriate levels of commuted sums on a site-by-site basis."</p> | <p>Policy LAV 15 (Affordable homes) complements the approach at the strategic level</p> <p>Additional note on Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications: Policy CS19 to be superseded by SP02, LP07</p> |
| CS20 Rural Exception Sites | <p>States the Council will take a flexible approach to the location of rural exception sites in the district, and will allow proposals adjacent, or well related, to the settlement development boundaries of Core and Hinterland Villages. The policy provides some generic criteria to be applied.</p> | <p>The criteria set out in Policy LAV 17 provides the locally relevant specific criteria so that CS20 can be applied appropriately in Lavenham.</p> |

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| | | <p>Additional note on Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications: Policy CS20 to be superseded by LP06</p> |
| CS21 Infrastructure Provision | A strategic policy setting out the district wide approach for securing infrastructure provision as part of development proposals. | <p>No conformity issues.</p> <p>Additional note on Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications: Policy CS21 to be superseded by SP08, LP30, LP31</p> |

Table 7: Assessment of conformity of LNP2 with the Saved Policies from the 2006 Local Plan

| Saved Polices from 2006 Local Plan | Description (where applicable to Lavenham) | Comment regarding general conformity |
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| EN22 Light Pollution | Development management policy setting out criteria for development proposals which involve outside lighting | No conflict Policy LAV 38 (Design and character) includes a clause on light pollution, providing a parish specific approach. |
| EN26 Telecommunications | Policy permitting planning applications for new telecommunications equipment | No conflict. Policy LAV 12 (Broadband Infrastructure) includes a clause supporting new or enhanced infrastructure. |
| HS05 Replacement dwellings | Development management policy allowing single dwelling development against certain criteria outside of existing towns/villages | No conflict. Policy LAV 13 (A spatial strategy for Lavenham) provides criteria for out of settlement boundary proposals. This includes replacement dwellings/conversions allowed for in the Local Plan |
| HS28 Infilling | States criteria against which infill development proposals will be refused. | Policies LAV 38 (Design and Character) and LAV 39 ((Replacement dwellings and infill development within the built up area) provide positively worded and parish specific policies which complement the strategic policy. No conflict. |
| HS31/32 Public open space | Sets out circumstances as to when development proposals will need to provide public open space including play space | No conflict. Policy LAV 21 (New open space provision) states that additional open space/green infrastructure will be provided as part of new development in line with Core Strategy requirement and includes additional considerations for Lavenham. |
| HS33 Extensions to existing dwellings | Development management policy specific to proposals concerning house extensions | No conflict. Policy LAV 38 (Design and Character) provides parish specific policies which complement the strategic policy. No conflict. |
| HS35 Residential annexes | Development management policy specific to proposals involving the creation of additional annexes. | No conflict. Policy LAV 38 (Design and Character) provides parish specific policies which complement the strategic policy. No conflict. |

| Saved Polices from 2006 Local Plan | Description (where applicable to Lavenham) | Comment regarding general conformity |
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| HS39 Special needs housing | Development management policy setting out circumstances when planning applications for nursing, residential care, rest homes and sheltered housing and extensions to such homes will be permitted. One of the criteria is that such schemes should be within the built-up area of the town. | Some tension LNP2 includes a Lavenham specific policy LAV 18: Supported housing which provides a parish specific approach. LAV 18 only supports small-scale supported housing schemes to meet local needs. |
| HS40 Special needs housing | Similar policy to HS39 but concerning the change of use developments | Some tension LNP2 includes a Lavenham specific policy LAV 18: Supported housing which provides a parish specific approach. LAV 18 only supports small-scale supported housing schemes to meet local needs. |
| EM02 General employment areas | Policy regarding employment uses on existing employment sites | No conflict |
| EM19 High technology employment provision | Development management policy providing the criteria against which new employment proposals will be assessed against. | LNP2 provides additional criteria (design etc) against which proposals would apply. Policy LAV 32 encourages development proposals which would assist small businesses. No conflict. |
| EM20 Expansion of existing employment uses | Policy allowing expansion of employment uses subject to no conflict with residential/environmental amenity or highway safety | LNP2 provides additional criteria (design etc) against which proposals would apply. Policy LAV 31 (Land at 47 - 48 Water Street) supports employment uses at the Lavenham Press Site subject to criteria and Policy LAV 32 encourages development proposals which would assist small businesses. No conflict |
| EM21 Redundant airfields | Does not apply to Lavenham neighbourhood plan area. | |
| EM23 Workshops | Does not apply to Lavenham neighbourhood plan area. | |

| Saved Polices from 2006 Local Plan | Description (where applicable to Lavenham) | Comment regarding general conformity |
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| EM24 Retaining employment sites | States that planning applications to redevelop or use existing or vacant employment land, sites and premises for non-employment purposes, will only be permitted if the applicant can demonstrate that their retention for an appropriate employment use has been fully explored. This may be undertaken in one of the two following ways: 1. by an agreed and sustained marketing campaign, undertaken at a realistic asking price; or 2. where agreed in advance, the applicant can demonstrate that the land, site or premises are inherently unsuitable or not viable for all forms of employment related use. | Policy LAV 31 (Land at 47 - 48 Water Street) is consistent with strategic level policy and adds local detail by being site specific. |
| SP03 Retail outside town centres | Relevant to out of town retail proposals | No conflict. Policy LAV 29 complements the strategic approach by providing an approach specific to the Lavenham Retail Core. |
| SP05 Farm shops | A development management policy applicable to farm shop proposals | Policy will apply alongside LNP2. No conflict. |
| CR02 AONB landscapes | Lavenham does not have AONB. | |
| CR04 Special Landscape areas | Policy setting out circumstances when development in Special Landscape areas will be allowed. Swathes of the Lavenham countryside falls within designated Special Landscape Area. | Some tension Policy LAV 35: Protecting and enhancing landscape character in Lavenham defines the Lavenham Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity. This is defined in the map supporting the policy. The extent is supported by the Lavenham Landscape and Sensitivity Assessment 2023. |
| CR07 Landscaping schemes | This policy requires a high standard of landscaping for proposals coming forward in the countryside. | No conflict. Policy LAV 35 provides a Lavenham specific approach which itself is informed by the Lavenham Landscape and Sensitivity Assessment (see |

| Saved Polices from 2006 Local Plan | Description (where applicable to Lavenham) | Comment regarding general conformity |
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| | | in in particular the landscape guidance for the individual rural character areas). |
| CR08 Hedgerows | A development management policy that applies to proposals which affect hedgerows of amenity or landscape significance | Policy LAV 10 requires the hierarchy of mitigation to be applied to all proposals. The policy also flags up opportunities to enhance the hedgerow network in the parish. The supporting text to the policy signposts to available mapping work on Lavenham hedgerows. This will assist in Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan implementation. |
| CR18 Buildings in the countryside – non residential | A district-wide development management policy applicable to proposals to convert/rebuild existing non-residential buildings into non-residential uses in the countryside. | No conflict. Policy LAV 13 (A spatial strategy for Lavenham) provides criteria for out of settlement boundary proposals. This includes replacement dwellings/conversions allowed for in the Local Plan |
| CR19 Buildings in the countryside - residential | A district-wide development management policy applicable to existing proposals to convert/rebuild existing non-residential buildings into residential uses | No conflict. Policy LAV 13 (A spatial strategy for Lavenham) provides criteria for out of settlement boundary proposals. This includes replacement dwellings/conversions allowed for in the Local Plan |
| CR24 Village schools | A district wide policy stating that where village schools have to be closed, the use of the buildings for community purposes in the first instance will be supported. | No conflict. |
| CN01 Design Standards | Policy states: “All new development proposals will be required to be of appropriate scale, form, detailed design and construction materials for the location. Proposals must pay particular attention to: • the scale, form and nature of adjacent development and the environment surrounding the site; | Policy 38 (Design and Character) complements the strategic policy by applying a Lavenham specific approach which is informed by the Lavenham Design Guide In this respect LNP2 will assist with implementation of CN01 at the local level. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the materials forming the external elevations and roofs of the buildings; • retaining and incorporating local features, both natural and built; • existing and proposed hard and soft landscaping; • creating interesting and attractive public and private spaces in and around the development; and • the content of any adopted Village Design Statements | |
| CN03 Open Space within Settlements | A district-wide policy resisting development that would lead to the loss of important open space, visually important gaps in the street scene or recreational facilities in towns and villages. | |
| CN04 Design & Crime prevention | A generic district-wide development management policy | No conflict. Policy will apply alongside LNP2. |
| CN06 Listed Buildings – Alteration/Extension/Change of Use | A district-wide policy applicable to proposals affecting listed buildings | Policy will apply alongside LNP2. Policy AV 33 (Designated heritage assets and their setting) will help with implementing Local Plan policy |
| CN08 Development in or near conservation areas | Policy CN08 which states: “That development which have an impact on views into or out of a conservation area should: “preserve or enhance the character of the conservation area or its setting” | Policy LAV 33 (Designated heritage assets and their setting) and Policy LAV 36 (Defined views) will help with implementing the Policy CN08 in Local Plan No conformity issues. |
| TP 15 Parking Standards | A policy requiring all development proposals to provide parking in | Policy LAV 42 (Development and parking for motorised vehicles) states that all parking should be provided in line with Local Plan requirements |

| Saved Policies from 2006 Local Plan | Description (where applicable to Lavenham) | Comment regarding general conformity |
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| | accordance with parking standards adopted as supplementary planning guidance. | and following the guidance set out in the Suffolk Guidance for Parking (2019) or any successor document. The LNP2 helps to implement Local Plan policy by providing added detail. No conformity issues. |

Table 8: Assessment of conformity of LNP2 against the strategic policies in the emerging Local Plan (as per March 2023 Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications)

| Strategic Plan Policy as per March 2023 Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications | Description (where applicable to Lavenham) | Comment regarding general conformity |
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| SP01 Housing Needs | <p>A strategic policy establishing housing needs across the plan area. In Babergh District, the Local Joint Local Plan seeks to deliver a minimum of 7,904 net additional dwellings (416 per annum) over the plan period 2018 to 2037.</p> <p>The policy states the mix, type and size of new housing will be informed by the relevant district needs assessment, or any local housing needs surveys.</p> | <p>No issues identified.</p> <p>Babergh District Council has provided the indicative housing requirement of 118 homes to be delivered during the plan period.</p> |
| SP02 Affordable Housing | <p>A strategic policy requiring the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On sites of ten or more dwellings or 0.5 ha or more, a contribution of 35% affordable housing on greenfield sites and 25% on brownfield sites. | <p>No issues identified.</p> <p>Policy LAV 15 in LNP2 assumes affordable housing will be provided in line with Local Plan requirements.</p> |
| SP03 The sustainable location of new development | <p>A strategic policy that is linked to settlement boundaries set out on the Policies Map. The settlement boundaries have not been reviewed as part of Part 1 of the plan and have been brought forward from the Saved Policies of the 2006 Local Plan.</p> <p>The policy departs from approach in Policy CS11 of the Core Strategy by taking a stricter approach to proposals outside the Settlement Boundary. It reads:</p> <p><i>“Outside of the settlement boundaries, development will normally only be permitted where the site is allocated for development, or in a made Neighbourhood Plan, or is specifically permitted by other relevant policies of this Plan, or it is in accordance with paragraph 80 of the NPPF (2021).”</i></p> | <p>Departure</p> <p>LNP2 departs from the approach in SP03 but it is still in general conformity. It departs from SP03 by proposing an up-to-date Settlement Boundary via Policy LAV 13.</p> <p>LNP2 is compatible with the approach set out in the Proposed Modifications.</p> |

| Strategic Plan Policy as per March 2023 Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications | Description (where applicable to Lavenham) | Comment regarding general conformity |
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| SP04 Provision for Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople | A strategic policy that allows for sites for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople within or outside the settlement limits | Policy will apply to parish alongside LNP2. No conformity issues identified. |
| SP05 Employment Land | A strategic policy protecting in principle existing employment land. | Policy LAV 31 (land at 47 – 48 Water Street) complements approach at Local Plan level |
| SP06 Retail and Town Centre Uses | A strategic policy supporting proposals for new main town centre uses in town centres and in centres defined in made Neighbourhood Plans | Policy LAV 29 (Protecting and supporting Lavenham’s Retail Core) complement the approach at the Local Plan level. No conformity issues. |
| SP07 Tourism | A strategic and generic policy supporting in principle new sustainable tourism development | Policy LAV 30 (Visitor Facilities) is compatible with strategic policy. Other policies in the LNP2 and Local Plan include a range of other applicable policies (design, heritage etc). No conformity issues. |
| SP08 Strategic Infrastructure Provision | <p>A strategic infrastructure policy setting out how development proposals will be expected to contribute to community infrastructure.</p> <p>Policy includes a generic requirement for all development proposals to make provision for appropriate contributions towards community infrastructure.</p> | Policy will apply alongside LNP2. No conformity issues. |
| SP09 Enhancement and Management of the Environment | <p>A strategic policy requiring development to support and contribute to the conservation, enhancement and management of the natural and local environment and networks of green infrastructure.</p> <p>The policy includes a clause specific to the Protected Habitats Mitigation Zone, which does not apply to Lavenham.</p> | No conformity issues. Policies LAV 8, 9 and 10 provide parish specific detail and complements approach at strategic level. |

| Strategic Plan Policy as per March 2023 Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications | Description (where applicable to Lavenham) | Comment regarding general conformity |
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| SP10 Climate Change | A strategic and generically worded policy that requires all development to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Specifically, the policy commits to adopting a sequential risk-based approach with respect to flood risk and conforming to the principle of Holistic Water Management. The policy states existing and innovative approaches to sustainable design and construction will be applied and states opportunities to deliver decentralised energy systems powered by a renewable or low carbon source will be identified. | There are no conformity issues. LNP2 policies LAV 1, LAV 2, LAV 3, LAV 4 and LAV 5 provide a set of more specific measures reflecting Lavenham’s stock of historic buildings as well as being linked to carbon targets and a sustainability checklist. |

Table 9: Assessment of conformity of LNP2 with the non-strategic policies in the emerging Local Plan (as per March 2023 Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications)

| Non-strategic policy as per March 2023 Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications | Description (where applicable to Lavenham) | Comment regarding general conformity |
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| LP01 Windfall infill development outside settlement boundaries | A policy allowing in principle infill development outside settlement boundaries but where there is a nucleus of at least 10 well related dwellings. | An area of tension is identified here since the spatial policy in LNP2, Policy LAV 13 does not allow for infill residential development outside the Settlement Boundary. However, Policy LP01 would not apply to Lavenham parish since there are no areas outside the Settlement Boundary with a nucleus of 10 dwellings or more. |
| LP02 Residential Annexes | A policy establishing the circumstances when residential annexes will be permitted. | Policy will apply alongside LNP2 policies. No issues of conformity. |
| LP03 Residential Extensions and Conversions | A policy establishing the circumstances when residential extensions and conversions of buildings to ancillary residential use within the curtilage of residential dwellings will be permitted. | Policy will apply alongside LNP2 policies. No issues of conformity. |
| LP04 Replacement Dwellings and Conversions | A policy establishing the circumstances where replacement dwellings and conversions to residential from non-residential will be supported. | Outside the settlement boundary, Policy LAV 13 allows for replacement dwellings and conversions “allowed for in the Local Plan”. No conformity issues. LNP2 also includes Policy LAV 39 that applies to replacement dwellings and infill sites. |
| LP05 Rural workers dwellings | A policy setting out what proposals for rural worker accommodation needs to demonstrate | Policy LAV 13 allows for essential uses that need to be located in the countryside. |
| LP06 Supported and Special Needs Housing | A policy setting out circumstances where proposals for supported and special needs housing will be supported. | An area of tension is identified here. LNP2 includes a Lavenham specific policy LAV 18: Supported housing which provides a parish |

| Non-strategic policy as per March 2023 Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications | Description (where applicable to Lavenham) | Comment regarding general conformity |
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| | | specific approach. LAV 18 only supports small-scale supported housing schemes to meet local needs. |
| LP07 Community-led and rural exception housing | A policy setting generic requirements for Community led housing schemes and rural exception sites. For community led housing proposals, the policy states proposals must demonstrate that a) the scheme was initiated by and is being led by a legitimate community group and has community support. For rural exception sites, the policy states the proposal must be well-connected to an existing settlement and proportionate in size to it. | Area of tension is identified here. Policy LAV 17 supports rural exception sites in principle but applies a preferred cap of 12 dwellings whereas the LP07 states the sites must be proportionate in size to the settlement. |
| LP08 Self-Build and Custom-Build | A policy supporting proposals for self-build/custom build housing. | No conformity issues identified. |
| LP09 Supporting a Prosperous Economy | A policy setting out criteria for employment proposals and change of use to small scale employment within a residential curtilage. | No conformity issues identified. |
| LP10 Change from Employment Uses | A policy setting out circumstances where loss of employment use will be permitted. | Policy LAV 31 complements the strategic policy by identifying an important site in the village currently in employment use and to be safeguarded. No conformity issues. |
| LP11 Retail and Town Centres | A policy applying to Town Centre Boundaries defined on the Policies Map. The policy requires development proposals (although doesn't especially state what type) to normally seek to ensure they do not eliminate separate access arrangements to upper floors which could be used for residential, community or employment uses. The policy is silent on what would be encouraged/supported/permitted at the ground floor level. | Policy LAV 29 (Protecting and supporting Lavenham's Retail Core) is focused on different issues. It defines the Retail Core and protects it, where it can, accordingly. The policy also supports new town centres uses in the retail core. No conformity issues. |

| Non-strategic policy as per March 2023 Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications | Description (where applicable to Lavenham) | Comment regarding general conformity |
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| LP12 Tourism and Leisure | A policy that applies to proposals for tourism and leisure facilities. | Policy LAV 30 (Visitor Facilities) provides a Lavenham specific approach and complements the Local Plan. No conformity issues. |
| LP13 Countryside Tourist Accommodation | A policy applying to tourist accommodation outside settlement boundaries | Policy will apply alongside LNP2. No conformity issues. |
| LP14 Intensive Livestock and Poultry Farming | A policy specific to intensive livestock and poultry farming. | Policy will apply alongside LNP2. No conformity issues. |
| LP15 Environmental Protection and Conservation | A policy addressing protection and conservation of environment across the two districts. | Policy will apply alongside LNP2. No conformity issues. |
| LP16 Biodiversity and Geodiversity | A policy requiring proposals to follow the biodiversity mitigation hierarchy and establishing principles to be followed for the purpose of conserving and enhancing biodiversity across the two districts | Policies LAV 8, 9 and 10 complement the Local Plan by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - identifying opportunities to improve biodiversity in the parish. - identifying sites of existing biodiversity value |
| LP17 Landscape | A generic development management policy focused on conserving and enhancing landscape character across the two districts. | Policy LAV 35 (Protecting and enhancing landscape character in Lavenham) and Policy LAV 36 (Defined views) focusing on conserving and enhancing Lavenham's landscape character. The policy, which is supported, by the Landscape Character and Sensitivity Assessment also defines the Lavenham Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity. |
| LP18 Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty | Not applicable | |
| LP19 The Historic Environment | A policy applying to development proposals that potentially affect heritage assets including heritage assets of archaeological interest. The policy requires the applicant to submit a heritage statement | Policy LAV 33 (Designated heritage assets and their setting) complements the Local Plan policy by providing added detail through clarifying |

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| | that describes the significance of any heritage asset that is affected including any contribution made by their setting. | that the setting of heritage assets will include areas of open land on the periphery of the settlement if the views of the landscape are found to contribute to the significance of the heritage assets, including the collective significance of the historic core. |
| LP20 Equestrian or similar other animal land-based uses | A policy applying to applications for equestrian or similar animal land-based uses. | Policy will apply to parish alongside LNP2. No conformity issues. |
| LP21 Agricultural Land to Residential Garden land | A criteria-based policy applying to proposals to change agricultural land to residential garden. | Policy will apply to parish alongside LNP2. No conformity issues. |
| LP22 New Agricultural Buildings | A policy setting conditions for proposals to new agricultural buildings in the countryside. | Policy will apply to parish alongside LNP2. No conformity issues. |
| LP23 Sustainable Construction and Design | A strategic policy setting out standards for new residential development and non-residential development. The policy requires residential development to meet target emission rates as set out in Building Regulations and for higher water efficiency standards to be met. Non-residential development is required to meet BREEAM standards. | There is no tension identified although it is noted the LNP2 policies take a different approach by encouraging proposals to follow design standards and meet energy targets which are linked to the reaching net zero. (as opposed to only linking with buildings regulations). |
| LP24 Design and Residential Amenity | <p>A policy requiring specific standards with respect to design and residential amenity.</p> <p>The policy includes a requirement for proposals to adhere to the Building for a Healthy Life design assessment framework and requires at least 50% of dwellings to meet requirements for accessible and adaptable dwellings under Part M4(2) of Building Regulations</p> | <p>Policy LAV 38 (Design and Character) will complement the Local Plan policy by providing added detail relevant to the Lavenham context.</p> <p>Policy LAV 14 (Housing mix - meeting local needs) encourages all proposals to be built to the accessible and adaptable Part M4 (2) standard.</p> |

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| | | No conformity issues. |
| LP25 Energy Sources, Storage and Distribution | A policy supporting renewable and low carbon and decentralised and community energy generating proposals subject to criteria. | No conflict. Policies LAV 1, 2, 3 and 4 complement the strategic approach by providing a proactive approach at the local level. |
| LP26 Water resources and infrastructure | A policy applicable to the use and management of water in new development proposals. The policy includes a requirement for development to conform to the principle of Holistic Water Management | Policy will apply to parish alongside LNP2. No conformity issues. |
| LP27 Flood risk and vulnerability | A policy dealing with development and requirements to manage and mitigate flood risk | Policy LAV 6 (Managing surface water flood risk in Lavenham) provides added local detail to assist with implementation of Policy LP27 at parish level. No conformity issues |
| LP28 Services and Facilities Within the Community | A policy supporting in principle new services and facilities as well as resisting proposals which lead to the loss of services and facilities. The policy includes a requirement for proposals in excess of 1 hectare to provide on-site open space provision to meet needs. | Policies LAV 19 (Local Green Spaces), LAV 20 (Other open spaces of value and informal green amenity space), LAV 21 (New Open Space provision), LAV 25 (Community Facilities), including its supporting text which provides a list of protected community facilities, together provide added local detail to assist with implementation of Policy LP28 at parish level. |
| LP29 Safe, Sustainable and Active Transport | A generic policy requiring all proposals to demonstrate safe and suitable access for all and to prioritise sustainable and active transport. The policy includes a set of requirements with respect to this. | Policies LAV 40 (Traffic movement in the village centre) LAV 41 (Planning for active travel) and LAV 42 (Development and parking for motorised vehicles) provide parish specific policies applicable to Local Plan Policy LP29. No conformity issues. |

| Non-strategic policy as per March 2023 Joint Local Plan Proposed Modifications | Description (where applicable to Lavenham) | Comment regarding general conformity |
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| LP30 Managing Infrastructure Provision | A policy setting out expectations with respect to infrastructure provision from new development proposals. | Policy will apply to parish alongside LNP2. No conformity issues. |
| LP31 Health and Education Provision | A policy protecting health and educational uses. | Policy LAV 26 (Health facilities and services) complements the approach in the Local Plan. |
| LP32 Developer Contributions and Planning Obligations | A policy setting out expectations with respect to infrastructure provision from new development proposals. | Policy will apply to parish alongside LNP2. No conformity issues. |

6 Compatibility with EU Obligations and Legislation

- 6.1 European Union Directive 2001/42/EC requires a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to be undertaken for certain types of plans or programmes that would have a significant environmental effect. The EU Directive has been transposed into UK legislation through the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (the Regulations). Regulation 9 states that the responsible body (the local planning authority) shall determine whether or not a plan is likely to have a significant effect and that before making such a determination it shall take into account the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Regulations and consult the consultation bodies (Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency).
- 6.2 In December 2022, Babergh District Council (BDC) prepared and issued an SEA screening report. In this report, BDC concluded that the draft NP did not trigger the need for a strategic environmental assessment. BDC subsequently consulted the three statutory authorities Historic England, Natural England and the Environment Agency. Following consideration of responses, BDC issued the SEA determination report. This is available to view here:

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-planning-in-babergh/lavenham-neighbourhood-plan/>

Human Rights and Equalities

- 6.3 The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared having regard to the fundamental rights and freedom guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights
- 6.4 An assessment has been carried out to assess the potential impacts of the LNP2 in relation to the protected characteristics as identified in the Equality Act 2010. This assessment is shown in Table 10 and shows that the LNP2 is not likely to lead to increased inequalities or discrimination in the plan area.
- 6.5 The assessment finds that the LNP2 policies have neutral impacts on people with protected characteristics apart from the housing policies, which could have some minor positive effects on younger adults, older adults and people with physical disabilities.

| Protected Characteristic | Impact | Commentary |
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| Age | + Positive | The Housing Policies (LAV 14 – LAV 17) may have minor positive effects on younger adults looking for smaller and lower cost housing in Lavenham parish. Policy LAV 14, which strongly encourages new dwellings to be built to accessible and adaptable homes standards may also benefit older people who are more likely to have physical disabilities. |
| Disability | + Positive | Policy LAV 14, which strongly encourages new dwellings to be built to accessible and adaptable homes standards, is likely to benefit people with physical disabilities if new homes are suitable for meeting their needs. |
| Gender Reassignment | Neutral | |
| Marriage and civil partnership | Neutral | |
| Pregnancy and maternity | Neutral | |
| Race | Neutral | |
| Religion or belief | Neutral | |
| Sex | Neutral | |
| Sexual orientation | Neutral | |

Table 10: Assessment of NP against protected characteristics

7 How the making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017

- 7.1 The HRA screening determination report available to view at <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-planning-in-babergh/lavenham-neighbourhood-plan/> confirms at paragraph 5 that the LNP2 is screened out for further assessment under the Habitats Regulations 2017 and that an appropriate assessment is not required.
- 7.2 Natural England was consulted on the HRA screening report in November 2022 and confirmed that it considered it unlikely that LNP2 would have significant environmental effects and that the proposals in the plan will not have significant effects on sensitive sites that Natural England has a statutory duty to protect. The response from Natural England is appended to the HRA Environmental Report, available to view at the link provided above.
- 7.3 It is concluded that the making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.