

Schedule 1: Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment

Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects	Likely to have significant effects	Justification for assessment
1 (a) the degree to which the plan or programme sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources	No	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan) will form part of the Statutory Development Plan and therefore would set a framework for future development projects in Hertford Heath. However, the Neighbourhood Plan sits within a wider framework set out by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), and East Herts District Plan.</p> <p>In addition, the projects for which the neighbourhood plan contributes to setting a planning framework are very local in nature. The Hertford Heath Neighbourhood Plan does include one site allocated for housing.</p>
1 (b) the degree to which the plan or programme influences other plans or programmes including those in a hierarchy.	No	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan will sit alongside the statutory development plan and provide a greater degree of detail to illuminate the development plan policies, as they relate to the Hertford Heath Parish.</p> <p>However, the Neighbourhood Plan will respond to rather than influence other plans or programmes.</p>
1 (c) the relevance of the plan or programme for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development	No	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan will work to protect and enhance the character, natural environment and landscape of Hertford Heath, including statutory and non-statutory environmental designations and Local Green Space designations. A number of policies in the Neighbourhood Plan will contribute to the social sustainability of Hertford Heath</p>

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		<p>and provide socially sustainable development as defined in the NPPF, including a supply of housing which meets the needs of current and future generations, balancing growth with infrastructure provision.</p> <p>Therefore, it is considered that the Neighbourhood Plan will have an overall positive impact on local environmental assets and therefore will promote sustainable development.</p>
1(d) environmental problems relevant to the plan	No	<p>None have been identified. There will be an increase in the number of houses in the village as a result of new development. However, the Neighbourhood Plan will help to address wider environmental problems as highlighted in the NPPF at a local level, such as climate change, air pollution, traffic congestion, and loss of biodiversity; without any negative effects.</p>
1 (e) the relevance of the plan or programme for the implementation of community legislation on the environment (e.g. plans and programmes linked to waste management or water protection)	No	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan complies with the East Herts planning documents and the NPPF which have taken account of existing legislation for environmental protection.</p>
2 (a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects	No	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan will result in positive environmental effects, in particular through better maintenance and management of the SSSI; through policies that seek to protect rural landscape setting and important heritage assets including views, designated heritage assets and the identification of a number of non-designated heritage assets; have positive social and economic effects by ensuring ongoing</p>

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		support for leisure and business facilities and promoting walking and cycling. These positive effects are small and low frequency but are likely to be long term.
2 (b) the cumulative nature of the effects	No	A combination of the Neighbourhood Plan, which seeks to protect and enhance the character, environment and landscape of Hertford Heath and wider environmental policy in the East Herts District Plan is likely to have cumulative positive environmental effects and benefits for Hertford Heath. Notwithstanding the above, the effects of the Neighbourhood Plan will be small scale.
2 (c) the trans-boundary nature of the effects	No	The boundaries of the village have been modestly extended in one location for housing. However, all effects will have negligible or no impacts on neighbouring areas.
2 (d) the risks to human health or the environment (e.g. due to accidents)	No	No significant effects have been identified
2 (e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)	No	The Neighbourhood Plan aims to enhance the environment and to provide the infrastructure required to meet the social needs of Hertford Heath's residents.
2 (f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to: (i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage (ii) exceeded environmental quality standards (iii) intensive land-use	Yes	The Neighbourhood Plan area does contain sensitive features. As detailed in the narrative above. Following the response by Historic England during the consultation period. It is deemed that the location of the site allocation for housing (draft Policy HH-H-3) would have a negative impact on the immediate setting of nearby heritage assets (listed buildings).
2 (g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a	Yes	The Neighbourhood Plan contains policies aimed at protecting the

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<p>recognised national, community or international protection status</p>		<p>Conservation Area, Designated and Non-designated Heritage Assets, the SSSI, Local Green Spaces, Local Wildlife Sites, and the openness of the Green Belt. The following specific policies protect sensitive features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">HH-EN-1 Priority Views and VistasHH-EN-2 Conservation Area and Heritage AssetsHH-EN- 4 Conserve and Enhance BiodiversityHH-EN- 5 Local Green Space <p>However, following the response by Historic England during the consultation period. It is deemed that the location of the site allocation for housing (draft Policy HH-H-3) would have a negative impact on the immediate setting of nearby heritage assets (listed buildings).</p>
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