

Appendix 4 Strategic and non-strategic policies

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)¹ (paragraph 20) states that “strategic policies should set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and design quality of places (to ensure outcomes support beauty and placemaking), and make sufficient provision for: housing, employment, retail, leisure, infrastructure, community facilities and preservation of the natural, built and historic environment”. The NPPF (Glossary) defines strategic policies as “policies and site allocations which address strategic priorities in line with the requirements of Section 19 (1B-E)² of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004”.

The NPPF (paragraph 21) states that “Plans should make explicit which policies are strategic policies¹². These should be limited to those necessary to address the strategic priorities of the area (and any relevant cross-boundary issues), to provide a clear starting point for any non-strategic policies that are needed. Strategic policies should not extend to detailed matters that are more appropriately dealt with through neighbourhood plans or other non-strategic policies”.

The NPPF (paragraph 28) states that “non-strategic policies should be used by local planning authorities and communities to set out more detailed policies for specific areas, neighbourhoods or types of development. This can include allocating sites, the provision of infrastructure and community facilities at a local level, establishing design principles, conserving, and enhancing the natural and historic environment and setting out other development management policies. “

Furthermore, National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG)³ sets out that where a local plan contains both strategic and non-strategic policies, the non-strategic policies should be clearly distinguished from the strategic policies (please see the NPPG for further information).

The following table sets out current policies in the Local Plan and identifies whether they have strategic or non-strategic status. The strategic or non-strategic status of policies is of relevance for neighbourhood plans. Legislation requires that neighbourhood plans must be in general conformity with the strategic policies in the adopted local plan for the area, and any other strategic policies that form part of the statutory development plan where relevant (please see the NPPG for further information). The NPPF (paragraph 13) states that “neighbourhood plans should support the delivery of strategic policies set out in the local plan or spatial development strategy and should shape and direct development that is outside of those strategic policies.”

Chapter 1: What Is the Local Plan?

No policies

Chapter 2: Spatial Portrait

No policies

Chapter 3: Vision and Objectives

No policies

Chapter 4: Spatial Strategy

¹https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65829e99fc07f3000d8d4529/NPPF_December_2023.pdf

² <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2004/5/section/19>

³ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/plan-making>

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic
SP01	Sustainable Development	Strategic
SP02	Development Strategy	Strategic
SP03	Strategic Site: Earl Shilton Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE)	Strategic
SP04	Strategic Site: Barwell Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE)	Strategic

Chapter 5: Climate Change

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic
SP05	Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change	Strategic
SP06	Flood Risk	Strategic
SP07	Renewable and Low Carbon Energy	Strategic

Chapter 6: Place Making and Design

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic
SP08	High Quality Design	Strategic
SP10	Preventing Pollution	Strategic
SP11	Health and Well-being	Strategic

Chapter 7: Housing

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic
SP13	Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	Strategic

Chapter 8: Economic Prosperity

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic
SP16	MIRA Enterprise Zone	Strategic

Chapter 9: Town Centres

No policies

Chapter 10: Communities, Leisure and Tourism

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic
SP19	Twycross Zoo	Non-strategic

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Chapter 11: Natural Environment

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic
SP20	Green Infrastructure	Strategic
SP21	Green Wedges	Strategic
SP24	Protecting Biodiversity	Strategic
SP25	Enhancing Biodiversity and Habitat Connectivity	Strategic
SP26	Development in the Countryside and Settlement Separation	Strategic
SP27	Landscape Character	Strategic
SP28	Blue Infrastructure	Strategic

Chapter 12: Transport

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic
SP29	Highways and Transportation	Strategic
SP30 A5	Improvement Corridor	Strategic

Chapter 13: Infrastructure

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic
SP31	Infrastructure and Delivery	Strategic
SP32	Water Supply and Wastewater Management	Strategic
SP33	Telecommunications Infrastructure	Non-strategic

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