

Barrowby Neighbourhood Development Plan (2025–2040)

BASIC CONDITIONS STATEMENT

Qualifying Body: Barrowby Parish Council

Submitted under Regulation 15(1)(d) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012
(as amended)

Neighbourhood Area	Barrowby Parish (designated 12 June 2017)
Local Planning Authority	South Kesteven District Council
Plan period	2025–2040
Development plan (strategic policies)	South Kesteven Local Plan 2011–2036 (adopted January 2020)
NPPF version applied	National Planning Policy Framework (December 2024)
Related documents	Consultation Statement; SEA/HRA screening; Policies Map(s)
Version	Submission – August 2025

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1. Purpose of this Statement

This Statement accompanies the Barrowby Neighbourhood Development Plan (the ‘Plan’) for the purposes of Regulation 15(1)(d). It demonstrates how the Plan meets the basic conditions in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, namely that: (a) having regard to national policies and advice issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the Plan; (b) the Plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development; (c) the Plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan; (d) the Plan is compatible with assimilated obligations (formerly EU obligations), including those relating to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and habitats; and (e) the Plan is compatible with the European Convention on Human Rights.

2. Documents submitted

- The Barrowby Neighbourhood Development Plan (Submission version).
- This Basic Conditions Statement.
- The Consultation Statement (Regulation 15(2)).
- A map/statement identifying the designated neighbourhood area.
- SEA/HRA screening documentation (SKDC’s screening determination and any consultation body responses to be appended when issued).

3. Legal compliance summary

- The Plan has been prepared and submitted by a qualifying body for a designated neighbourhood area (Barrowby Parish Council; area designated 12 June 2017).
- The Plan states the period for which it is to have effect (2025–2040).
- The Plan does not relate to excluded development and does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area.
- The Plan contains only non-strategic policies.

4. How the Plan meets the Basic Conditions – summary

Basic condition	Test / source	Where/how addressed
Regard to national policy	NPPF (Dec 2024) Chapters 2–4 & relevant topic chapters; PPG ‘Neighbourhood planning’	Section 5 and Annex A (NPPF matrix)
General conformity	NPPF ¶20–21, ¶30–33; PPG ‘General conformity’	Section 6 and Annex A (Local Plan matrix)
Sustainable development	NPPF ¶7–11 (Chapter 2)	Section 7 and Annex A (Sustainable development table)
SEA/HRA compatibility	Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regs 2004; Habitats Regs 2017	Section 8 (with screening note)
Human Rights compatibility	Human Rights Act 1998	Section 9 (standard statement)

5. Having regard to national policy and guidance (NPPF December 2024)

The Plan has been prepared with regard to the National Planning Policy Framework (December 2024). Paragraphs 15–21 set expectations for plan-making, and paragraph 30 recognises the role of neighbourhood plans in shaping, directing and helping to deliver sustainable development. Policies have been drafted to add local detail to the strategic framework, avoiding duplication and ensuring clarity.

Policy 1 – Sustainable Development – NPPF ¶7–11; ¶15–16; ¶25–26. Translates the presumption and the three objectives into local criteria for Barrowby, aligning growth with infrastructure and environmental improvement.

Policy 2 – Delivering Good Design – NPPF ¶131–139; ¶109–111. Secures context-led, inclusive and beautiful design; integrates movement and tree-lined streets; encourages use of Barrowby Design Codes and proportionate design review.

Policy 3 – Housing Development – NPPF ¶66–76; ¶11. Supports appropriate infill/edge growth consistent with the plan-led approach; focuses development in sustainable locations and manages scale, character and mix.

Policy 3B – Custom and Self-Build Housing – NPPF ¶66; ¶73–75. Responds to local self/custom-build demand; encourages serviced plots and plot-based delivery routes.

Policy 4 – Community Facilities – NPPF ¶96–105; ¶106–108 (LGS tests where relevant). Plans positively for provision and enhancement; resists unjustified loss; supports co-location and accessibility.

Policy 5 – Conserving Our Historic Environment – NPPF Chapter 16 (¶210–216). Adopts a proportionate, significance-led approach to conserving and enhancing designated and non-designated heritage assets and their settings.

Policy 6 – Important Views – NPPF ¶131–133; ¶187–201. Identifies locally important views; requires layout/height/landscape responses that conserve and enhance settlement character and setting.

Policy 7 – Green Infrastructure, Local Green Spaces & Biodiversity – NPPF ¶103–108; ¶187–201. Protects and extends multifunctional GI; applies the LGS tests; secures biodiversity enhancements commensurate with scale.

Policy 8 – Renewable Energy – NPPF ¶161–169. Supports appropriately sited renewable/low-carbon energy and gives significant weight to benefits while safeguarding landscape/heritage/amenity.

6. General conformity with the South Kesteven Local Plan (2011–2036, adopted January 2020)

The Plan sits within the South Kesteven Local Plan. Policies add proportionate local detail and do not undermine the strategic distribution of development or strategic outcomes. Headline conformity is summarised below; detailed mapping is provided in Annex A.

NP Policy	Relevant Local Plan policy(ies)	Conformity summary
Policy 1 Sustainable Development	SP1 Spatial Strategy (Strategic); SP2 Settlement Hierarchy (Strategic); SB1 Sustainable Building (Strategic)	Expresses the presumption locally; supports plan-led distribution and embeds climate-responsive, sustainable building principles.
Policy 2 Delivering Good Design	DE1 Promoting Good Quality Design; Design Guidelines SPD (Nov 2021)	Operationalises DE1 via locally specific criteria and Barrowby Design Codes, focusing on character, inclusive access and high-quality public realm.
Policy 3 Housing Development	SP2; SP3 Residential Development within Settlements (Strategic); SP4 Development on the Edge of Settlements (Strategic); SP5 Development in the Open Countryside (Strategic); H1 Housing Allocations (Strategic); H2 Affordable Housing Contributions (Strategic)	Clarifies how appropriate infill/edge proposals can come forward without undermining the hierarchy, allocations or mix requirements. Provides for land on the edge of the village to be developed subject to several community acceptability criteria, including that the scale of such development must be proportionate to the services and facilities provided in the village, and development should maintain and strengthen the distinctiveness and coherence of the village. Housing need to 2041 has been assessed, in the Housing Needs Assessment, as 167 homes and the Neighbourhood Plan makes provision to ensure development remains proportionate to that evidence base.
Policy 3B Custom and Self-Build Housing	SP3 (Strategic); H2 Affordable Housing Contributions	Provides a local mechanism for serviced plots and custom build consistent with strategic housing aims.

NP Policy	Relevant Local Plan policy(ies)	Conformity summary
Policy 4 Community Facilities	SP6 Community Services & Facilities (Strategic); OS1 Open Space & Recreation; DE1	Plans positively for provision, protects valued facilities and supports enhancements, consistent with SP6/OS1 place-making aims.
Policy 5 Conserving Our Historic Environment	EN6 Historic Environment; DE1; SP1	Proportionate, significance-led approach complements EN6 and Local Plan heritage objectives.
Policy 6 Important Views	EN1 Landscape Character; EN3 Green Infrastructure; SP1	Responds to local landscape/settlement edge character; integrates GI and avoids harm to valued views.
Policy 7 Green Infrastructure, Local Green Spaces and Biodiversity	EN2 Biodiversity & Geodiversity; EN3 Green Infrastructure; EN5 Water Environment & Flood Risk	Safeguards and enhances GI; seeks biodiversity improvements and sustainable drainage where proportionate.
Policy 8 Renewable Energy	RE1 Renewable Energy; EN1 Landscape; EN6 Historic Environment	Criteria-led support for renewable energy with local siting/mitigation expectations aligned with RE1 and environmental safeguards.

7. Contribution to sustainable development

Taken together, the Plan's objectives and policies pursue the mutually-supportive economic, social and environmental objectives in NPPF Chapter 2. Economic: supporting appropriate growth and local enterprise; Social: a safe, inclusive and healthy village with protected/enhanced facilities and active travel; Environmental: protecting landscape and biodiversity, planning for climate resilience and encouraging well-designed, energy-efficient development.

8. Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)

A screening statement (OpenPlan, February 2025) has been prepared for the Barrowby Neighbourhood Plan. It concludes that the Plan is unlikely to have significant environmental effects and therefore does not require a full SEA, and that a full HRA is not required as no likely significant effects on relevant protected habitats are expected. South Kesteven District Council's formal screening determination and any consultation body responses will be appended when issued. Any avoidance/mitigation identified through screening will be embedded in the Plan's policies and maps.

9. Human Rights compliance statement

The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Human Rights Act 1998. It has due regard to the rights and freedoms set out in the European Convention on Human Rights, including Articles 6, 8 and 14, and Protocol 1, Article 1. The policies are proportionate, pursue legitimate planning objectives in the public interest, and strike an appropriate balance between private rights and the wider community interest. No incompatible impacts have been identified.

10. Emerging Local Plan (context only)

South Kesteven District Council is reviewing its Local Plan (Regulation 18). The Proposed Housing and Mixed-Use Site Allocations consultation (July 2025) is material background but is not used to assess the basic conditions. The Barrowby Neighbourhood Plan has been assessed for conformity against the adopted 2011–2036 Local Plan (January 2020).

Annex A – Policy-by-policy matrices

A1. NPPF & Local Plan Conformity Matrix

NP Policy Ref	NP Policy Title	Relevant NPPF paragraph(s) (Dec 2024)	How the NP policy has regard to NPPF	Strategic Local Plan policy(ies) (2011–2036)	Other Relevant LP policies / SPD	General conformity	Key local evidence / cross-refs
Policy 1	Sustainable Development	¶7–11; ¶15–16; ¶25–26	Local expression of the presumption and the three objectives; clear criteria to support sustainable proposals and resist development that would undermine strategic outcomes.	SP1; SP2; SB1	—	Supports plan-led distribution and climate-responsive design; complements SB1 expectations.	Plan Objectives; Monitoring section
Policy 2	Delivering Good Design	¶131–139; ¶109–111	Context-led, inclusive design; integrates movement and tree-lined streets; uses Barrowby Design Codes/Guidance to provide certainty.	— (strategic quality via SP1 context)	DE1; Design Guidelines SPD (Nov 2021); Barrowby Design Codes (Feb 2025)	Operationalises DE1 with locally specific criteria and code references; improves decision-making clarity.	Character analysis; Important Views; Design Codes

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Policy 3	Housing Development	¶66–76; ¶11	Supports proportionate infill and small/medium sites in sustainable locations; manages scale/character and relationship to facilities and movement.	SP2; SP3; SP4; SP5; H1; H2	—	Clarifies how development can proceed without undermining hierarchy, allocations or affordable housing/mix aims.	Settlement context; Housing Needs evidence (if available)
Policy 3B	Custom and Self-Build Housing	¶66; ¶73–75	Responds to local register evidence; encourages serviced plots/plot passports and high-quality bespoke design outcomes.	SP3; H2	—	Adds delivery route consistent with strategic housing objectives and mix.	Self/Custom-build Register; Parish consultation
Policy 4	Community Facilities	¶96–105 (healthy & safe); ¶106–108 (LGS tests where applicable)	Protects and enables enhancement/expansion of valued facilities; supports co-location and access by walking/cycling.	SP6 (Community Services & Facilities)	OS1; DE1	Consistent with SP6 safeguarding/positive-planning approach; aligns with OS1 standards for new provision.	Facilities schedule/map; engagement responses
Policy 5	Conserving Our Historic Environment	Chapter 16 (¶210–216)	Significance-led approach; proportionate	EN6; SP1	DE1	Reinforces EN6 expectations in a locally specific way to improve certainty.	HER entries; Conservation Area appraisal

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			evidence; balances change and conservation, including settings and non-designated assets.				
Policy 6	Important Views	¶131–133; ¶187–201	Identifies and maps key local views; requires layout/height/landscape responses to conserve/enhance them.	EN1; EN3; SP1	DE1	Complements EN1 landscape and EN3 GI by safeguarding settlement character and edges.	View cones/photography; schedule of view receptors
Policy 7	Green Infrastructure, Local Green Spaces & Biodiversity	¶103–108; ¶187–201	Applies LGS tests rigorously; secures a multifunctional GI network and biodiversity enhancement (incl. BNG) commensurate with scale.	SP1	EN2; EN3; EN5; OS1	Aligns with GI, biodiversity and water environment policies; avoids duplication while adding local specificity.	LGS pro-formas; GI network map; ecology notes
Policy 8	Renewable Energy	¶161–169	Gives significant weight to benefits of renewables while securing appropriate siting/design/mitigation of impacts.	SP1	RE1; EN1; EN6	Matches RE1 criteria with local nuance to manage cumulative and site-specific effects.	LVIA/cumulative effects notes; grid context

A2. Sustainable Development – policy assessment

NP Policy Ref	Economic – main effects	Social – main effects	Environmental – main effects	Dependencies/mitigation	Net effect
Policy 1	Supports local enterprise and efficient delivery	Accessible, healthy place with services	Low-carbon design, active travel, GI integrated	Read with Policies 2 & 7 and SB1	+ overall
Policy 2	Design quality underpins long-term value	Inclusive/public realm improvements	Character, GI and trees embedded in layouts	Use Design Codes/SPD; viability balance	+ overall
Policy 3	Enables needed homes at appropriate scale	Choice for younger/older residents	Settlement-sensitive, sustainable locations	Apply SP3/SP4 criteria	+ overall
Policy 3B	Diversifies delivery routes/skills	Local opportunities for self/custom build	Efficient land use; design quality via plot codes	Servicing/phasing; tie to local demand	+ overall
Policy 4	Sustains local footfall/services	Health and wellbeing; social cohesion	Amenity and access to open space	Agent of change; OS1 standards	+ overall
Policy 5	Heritage contributes to economic vitality	Sense of place/identity	Conservation of significance; climate-resilient retrofit	Proportionate evidence	+ overall
Policy 6	Landscape/tourism value	Well-being via attractive settings	Protects valued views/edges	Use mapped view cones	+ overall
Policy 7	Nature-based recreation/economy	Access to green space and routes	GI enhancement; BNG; SuDS	Proportionate to site scale	+ overall
Policy 8	Energy resilience and local benefits	Potential community benefits	Carbon reduction; careful siting	Landscape/heritage mitigation	+ overall

A3. SEA/HRA log (assimilated obligations)

Stage/decision	Date	By (LPA/consultation body)	Conclusion	Notes / mitigation (how secured)
SEA screening	February 2025	SKDC / Consultation bodies	Screened out – no significant environmental effects	Any avoidance/mitigation to be embedded in policies; SKDC formal determination to be appended
HRA screening	February 2025	SKDC / Natural England	No likely significant effects – full HRA not required	No European sites within 15km; any responses to be appended on receipt

A4. Human Rights – proportionality & safeguards

Convention right	Relevant? (Y/N)	Notes
Article 6 – fair hearing	Y	Plan-making affords fair participation; independent examination provides scrutiny.
Article 8 – respect for private/family life	Y	Policies operate in the public interest and avoid unjustified interference.
Article 14 – non-discrimination	Y	Engagement inclusive; policies apply equally.
Protocol 1, Article 1 – property	Y	Proportionate, predictable policy framework in the public interest.

Annex B – Source documents (online)

NPPF (December 2024): https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67aafe8f3b41f783cca46251/NPPF_December_2024.pdf

South Kesteven Local Plan 2011–2036 (adopted Jan 2020): https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-08/Local_Plan_2011-2036_%28Final_inc_covers%29%20%281%29.pdf

SKDC Local Plan – policies index / SPD links: <https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/planning-building-control/planning-policy-local-plans/south-kesteven-local-plan>

SKDC Local Plan Review hub: <https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/localplanreview>

Reg.18 Proposed Housing & Mixed-Use Site Allocations (July 2025): <https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-07/Regulation%2018%20Local%20Plan%20-%20Proposed%20Housing%20and%20Mixed-Use%20Site%20Allocations.pdf>