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2020-2031

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BASIC CONDITIONS
STATEMENT

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TIBBERTON AND CHERRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN BASIC CONDITIONS STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

This Basic Conditions Statement has been produced to explain how the proposed Tibberton and Cherrington Neighbourhood Plan (TCNP) has been prepared in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning General Regulations 2012 (as amended) and how the basic conditions of neighbourhood planning and other considerations as prescribed in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 have been considered to have been met.

Only a draft neighbourhood Plan or Order that meets each of a set of basic conditions can be put to a referendum and be made. The basic conditions are set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as applied to neighbourhood plans by section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The basic conditions are:

- having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the Neighbourhood Plan;
- having special regard to the desirability of preserving any listed building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest that it possesses, it is appropriate to make the Neighbourhood Plan;
- having special regard to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of any conservation area, it is appropriate to make the Neighbourhood Plan¹.
- the making of the Neighbourhood Plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
- the making of the Neighbourhood 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);
- the making of the Neighbourhood Plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations and
- prescribed conditions are met in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the Neighbourhood Plan².

Supporting documents and evidence

The TCNP is supported by this Basic Conditions Statement, a Consultation Statement and an extensive evidence base. Other supporting documents include a Landscape Character Assessment³ and screening statements of the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and a Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA).

Key statements

Tibberton and Cherrington Parish Council is a qualifying body and entitled to submit a Neighbourhood Plan for its own parish. The TCNP expresses policies that relate to the development and use of land only within the neighbourhood area.

¹ The Tibberton and Cherrington Neighbourhood Plan area does not contain a Conservation Area.

² Neighbourhood Plans require screening statements regarding the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment and an Appropriate Assessment under the EU Habitats Regulations.

³ The LCA has been delayed by the Covid-19 pandemic. It will be commissioned as soon as possible.

The neighbourhood area is contiguous with the parish boundary, as shown in the map accompanying the neighbourhood area designation application.

The TCNP covers the period from 2020 to 2031.

No provision for excluded development such as national infrastructure is contained within the Neighbourhood Plan.

The TCNP does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area. It is solely related to the area of Tibberton and Cherrington as designated by Telford & Wrekin Council on 24 January 2019.

There are no other Neighbourhood Development Plans in place for the Tibberton and Cherrington neighbourhood area.

CONFORMITY WITH NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY

It is required that the Tibberton and Cherrington Neighbourhood Plan (TCNP) has appropriate regard to national planning policy. This is principally provided by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

The NPPF in sections 28-30 states that Neighbourhood Plans should not promote less development than set out in the strategic policies for the area, or undermine those strategic policies⁴.

This section demonstrates that the TCNP has regard to relevant policies within the NPPF in relation to:

- Delivering a sufficient supply of homes
- Building a strong, competitive economy
- Ensuring the vitality of town centres
- Promoting healthy and safe communities
- Promoting sustainable transport
- Supporting high quality communications
- Making effective use of land
- Achieving well-designed places
- Protecting Green Belt land
- Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change
- Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
- Conserving and enhancing the historic environment
- Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals

The TCNP has 14 principal objectives. These are summarised in Table 1 below together with the NPPF goals each objective seeks to address.

⁴ Neighbourhood plans must be in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in any development plan that covers their area.

Table 2 on Page 7 provides a summary of how each policy in the TCNP conforms specifically to the NPPF.

Table 1: Neighbourhood Plan Objectives and NPPF Goals.

TCNP Objective	Relevant NPPF Goal
To protect existing facilities and services considered important for a vibrant community and support the development of new ones which will benefit the community.	Promoting healthy and safe communities. Achieving well-designed places.
To increase opportunities to access community facilities and to enhance the range of activities and facilities available for all.	Promoting healthy and safe communities. Achieving well-designed places.
To encourage suitable employment opportunities and communications connectivity (broadband and mobile 'phone).	Building a strong, competitive economy. Supporting high quality communications.
To allow future infill development of a scale and type in keeping with the rural character and identity of the Parish.	Delivering a sufficient supply of homes. Making effective use of land. Achieving well-designed places.
To protect the character and setting of the Parish's historic housing and ensure new development is in keeping with other buildings, with a particular focus on the 'Duke of Sutherland' style of housing.	Conserving and enhancing the historic environment.
To support the provision of a range of house types and tenures on appropriate sites within Tibberton and Cherrington villages and the wider Parish.	Delivering a sufficient supply of homes. Achieving well-designed places.
To maintain the rural nature of the Parish by discouraging developments with street lights or excessive external lighting, thereby retaining the Parish's 'dark sky' lighting policy.	Conserving and enhancing the natural environment.
To conserve and enhance local open spaces by protecting and enhancing existing green spaces and recreational areas of value to the community whilst ensuring the Parish retains its rural character.	Promoting healthy and safe communities. Conserving and enhancing the natural environment.
To protect and enhance green areas, natural habitat, wildlife and biodiversity in and around the Parish; to encourage appropriate management and limit pollution and damage to the environment.	Conserving and enhancing the natural environment.
To protect and enhance features of significant nature conservation or landscape value.	Conserving and enhancing the natural environment.

TCNP Objective	Relevant NPPF Goal
To work to improve public transport options.	Promoting sustainable transport.
To encourage the provision of alternative, safe and convenient means of travel within the Parish so as to minimise the use of cars and reduce the associated problems of noise, pollution and parking.	Promoting healthy and safe communities. Promoting sustainable transport.
To provide a safe, accessible and well-maintained network of roads, cycle routes, footpaths, rights of way and pavements, whilst retaining a rural character, to support a more sustainable environment, reduce reliance on the car and offer healthier lifestyle options.	Promoting healthy and safe communities. Promoting sustainable transport.
To improve safety by reducing vehicle speed and limiting access by heavy goods vehicles.	Conserving and enhancing the natural environment. Conserving and enhancing the historic environment.

Table 2: Conformity of Tibberton and Cherrington Neighbourhood Plan Policies with NPPF

Policy Ref	Policy	NPPF Paragraph	Comments
CA1	Community Facilities	20, 83d, 92 and 182	Seeks to ensure the retention and, where appropriate, the development of community facilities which are important to the well-being of the residents and contribute to a viable and active community.
CA2	Small-scale Employment Development	20, 83 and 84	Provides opportunities for the sustainable growth and expansion of all types of small-scale rural enterprises, both through conversion of existing buildings and well-designed new buildings.
CA3	Tourism and Leisure Development	20 and 83c	Supports the development of sustainable small-scale rural tourism and leisure developments which respect the character of the countryside and provide local employment opportunities.
RCH1	Conservation of Tibberton's and Cherrington's Historic Character	8, 20, 28 and 184 -187	Recognises the importance of protecting the Parish's historic character and buildings whilst preserving the rural setting and green spaces that contribute to its unique landscape.
RCH2	Residential development within Tibberton and Cherrington	9, 69, 71, 110, 127, 130, 185 and 192	Seeks to support the need for limited infill development within the Tibberton Settlement Boundary whilst protecting the character and identity of the rural setting from too great a scale of new development.
RCH3	Residential development outside Tibberton and Cherrington	8, 9, 69, 79, 127, 130 and 170	Provides protection for the open countryside beyond the Tibberton Settlement Boundary by safeguarding the Parish from inappropriate development which does not enhance the natural and local environment.
RCH4	Design of New Housing	8b, 28, 71, 79, 102, 110, 124 - 132 and 170	Promotes the need for new housing to be in keeping with the historic character of the Parish and sympathetic to existing design and materials.
RCH5	Type and Tenure of Housing	8b, 61 - 63 and 77	Acknowledges the need for a mix of housing size and type, particularly for those in the community who need smaller or more affordable homes.
EOR1	Local Green Space	8, 96, 97, 99 and 100	Supports the designation and protection of open spaces and recognises the value to the community in terms of their recreation and amenity value as well as the importance to the character and rural setting of the Parish.

Policy Ref	Policy	NPPF Paragraph	Comments
EOR2	Ecology and Landscape	8, 20, 149, 170, 174, 175 and 180	Strongly supports measures to protect and enhance the landscape, natural environment and biodiversity, particularly through the improvement of environmental connectivity between wildlife areas and green spaces.
HB1	Linkages and Connections	8, 91, 98, 102 and 110	Seeks to protect and improve the current network of rights of way, whilst expecting all new planning applications to demonstrate safe routes for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders to local services, facilities and existing networks.

CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The NPPF states in paragraph 7 that ‘The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. At a very high level, the objective of sustainable development can be summarised as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.’⁵

Table 3 below summarises how the objectives and policies in the TCNP contribute towards the three sustainable development objectives as defined in the NPPF.

Table 3: Assessment of TCNP Objectives and Policies in Terms of Sustainable Development

Economic Objective	
NPPF Definition – ‘To help build a strong, responsive, competitive economy’	
TCNP Objectives	3. To encourage suitable employment opportunities and communications connectivity (broadband and mobile ‘phone). 11. To work to improve public transport options.
TCNP Policies	CA2: Small-scale Employment Development. CA3: Tourism and Leisure Development.
Comments	The TCNP seeks to support opportunities for local small-scale employment development uses through appropriate new builds or conversions. Development that improves the quality and diversity of existing, or creates new, tourist facilities, attractions, accommodation and infrastructure will also be supported.

Social Objective	
NPPF Definition – ‘Support strong vibrant and healthy communities’	
TCNP Objectives	1. To protect existing facilities and services considered important for a vibrant community and support the development of new ones which will benefit the community. 2. To increase opportunities to access community facilities and to enhance the range of activities and facilities available for all. 6. To support the provision of a range of house types and tenures on appropriate sites within Tibberton and Cherrington villages and the wider Parish. 13. To provide a safe, accessible and well-maintained network of roads, cycle routes, footpaths, rights of way and pavements whilst retaining a rural character to support a more sustainable environment, reduce reliance on the car and offer healthier lifestyle options. 14. To improve safety by reducing vehicle speed and limiting access by heavy goods vehicles.
TCNP Policies	CA1: Community Facilities. CA2: Small-scale Employment Development. RCH2: Residential development within Tibberton and Cherrington. RCH3: Residential development outside Tibberton and Cherrington. RCH5: Type and Tenure of Housing. EOR2: Ecology and Landscape. HB1: Linkages and Connections.

⁵ Resolution 42/187 of the United Nations General Assembly.

Comments	<p>The TCNP seeks to protect the relevant community facilities in the Parish as an essential part of a viable and active community. Space needs to be identified and designated to allow for the future needs of the community, especially in terms of a larger Village Hall and Shop in Tibberton. The need for a range of housing, including smaller or more affordable homes, with access to suitable employment opportunities, is recognised and supported, whilst seeking to protect the landscape and biodiversity of the natural environment. The health of the local community is strongly supported by encouraging walking and cycling whilst all new developments will be expected to demonstrate safe routes with good connections to local services, facilities and existing networks. The TCNP also seeks to maintain the character, identity and rural setting of the Parish by protecting the open spaces and countryside from inappropriate development.</p>
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Environmental Objective	
NPPF Definition – ‘To contribute to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment’	
TCNP Objectives	<p>4. To allow future infill development of a scale and type in keeping with the rural character and identity of the Parish.</p> <p>5. To protect the character and setting of the Parish's historic housing and ensure new development is in keeping with other buildings, with a particular focus on the ‘Duke of Sutherland’ style of housing.</p> <p>7. To maintain the rural nature of the Parish by discouraging developments with street lights or excessive external lighting, thereby retaining the Parish’s ‘dark sky’ lighting policy.</p> <p>8. To conserve and enhance local open spaces by protecting and enhancing existing green spaces and recreational areas of value to the community whilst ensuring the Parish retains its rural character.</p> <p>9. To protect and enhance green areas, natural habitat, wildlife and biodiversity in and around the Parish; to encourage appropriate management and limit pollution and damage to the environment.</p> <p>10. To protect and enhance features of significant nature conservation or landscape value.</p> <p>12. To encourage the provision of alternative, safe and convenient means of travel so as to minimise the use of cars in and around the Parish and reduce the associated problems of noise, pollution and parking.</p>
TCNP Policies	<p>RCH1: Conservation of Tibberton’s and Cherrington’s Historic Character.</p> <p>RCH2: Residential development within Tibberton and Cherrington.</p> <p>RCH3: Residential development outside Tibberton and Cherrington.</p> <p>RCH4: Design of New Housing.</p> <p>RCH5: Type and Tenure of Housing.</p> <p>EOR1: Local Green Space.</p> <p>EOR2: Ecology and Landscape.</p> <p>HB1: Linkages and Connections.</p>
Comments	<p>The TCNP strongly supports measures which recognise and protect the distinctive character and historic nature of the Parish and settlements by requiring high quality design of new developments that are in keeping with the scale and character of the surrounding area. Particular emphasis is placed on the need for proposals to be sympathetic to existing designs and</p>

	materials, whilst all developments should include proactive measures to support the natural environment and biodiversity. The TCNP also seeks to protect existing green spaces and the rural nature of the area, whilst ensuring that traffic generation by new developments is mitigated by improved links to public transport in order to minimise the additional carbon footprint generated by new housing.
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As demonstrated in Table 3, the strategic objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan comprise a balance of social, economic and environmental goals, which are interdependent and need to be pursued in mutually supportive ways.

Telford & Wrekin Council considered that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) was not required because the TCNP is not likely to have a significant impact upon the environment.

GENERAL CONFORMITY WITH THE TELFORD AND WREKIN LOCAL PLAN 2011 - 2031

Telford & Wrekin Council's strategic planning policy is contained in the adopted Telford & Wrekin Local Plan 2011 - 2031. The previous Wrekin Local Plan (1995-2006) is now time expired and the existing Core Strategy policies have been superseded by the Telford & Wrekin Local Plan.

In December 2019 Telford & Wrekin Council decided that a review of the Local Plan should be launched. This review would not be housing numbers driven but seek to embed key priorities for the Council and Borough.

The TCNP has been prepared to be in 'general conformity' with Telford & Wrekin's planning policies and is aligned closely with the core objectives, including those which underpin the review launched in 2019.

The policies of relevance are shown in Table 4 below, along with a consideration of whether they represent the strategic policies of the development plan. Where they do, consideration is made of whether the TCNP is in general conformity with them.

Any policy that is not identified in Table 4 is not considered to be relevant to the TCNP because the TCNP does not have any policies that directly relate to it.

Table 4: Conformity of Neighbourhood Plan Policies with Telford and Wrekin Local Plan 2011-2031

T&W Local Plan Policy	TCNP Policy
SP3: Rural Area	<p>CA2: Small-scale Employment Development. CA3: Tourism and Leisure Development. RCH2: Residential Development within Tibberton and Cherrington. RCH3: New Housing Development Outside Tibberton and Cherrington.</p> <p>The TCNP is in conformity with and helps deliver the T&W Local Plan Policy SP3 by supporting limited infill housing and small scale employment development on suitable sites throughout the Parish where they do not compromise the local rural character and distinctiveness.</p>
SP4: Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development	<p>CA1: Community Facilities. CA2: Small-scale Employment Development. CA3: Tourism and Leisure Development. RCH1: Conservation of Tibberton’s and Cherrington’s Historic Character. RCH2: Residential Development within Tibberton and Cherrington. RCH3: New Housing Development Outside Tibberton and Cherrington. RCH4: Design of New Housing. EOR1: Local Green Space. EOR2: Ecology and Landscape. HB1: Linkages and Connections.</p> <p>Policy SP4 in the T&W Local Plan sets out 13 criteria that contribute to sustainable development, in addition to other National Policies. The TCNP is in conformity with the relevant principles of these criteria, supporting appropriately located, suitable and well designed new development. It also emphasises the need for the improvement and protection of the valued natural and built environment of the Parish. There is also a need to protect and improve community facilities and the requirement for measures to reduce car journeys by improving links to public transport.</p>
EC3: Employment in the Rural Area	<p>CA2: Small-scale Employment Development. CA3: Tourism and Leisure Development.</p> <p>The T&W Local Plan supports new employment development in the rural area where it involves the re-use of previously developed land or the conversion/re-use of redundant buildings. TCNP policies CA2 and CA3 promote appropriate and suitable small-scale new employment and tourism development in the Parish where it assists with the promotion of rural enterprise and local employment opportunities.</p>

T&W Local Plan Policy	TCNP Policy
EC12: Leisure, Cultural and Tourism Development	CA3: Tourism and Leisure Development. Although mostly concerned with developments within or adjacent to the borough's main centres, T&W Local Plan policy EC12 supports other development that cannot be accommodated in these centres such as rural tourist facilities and accommodation where it is high quality and connected to public transport links and adequate parking.
HO4: Housing Mix	RCH5: Type and Tenure of Housing. TCNP Policy RCH5 supports T&W's Local Plan to ensure developments deliver a mix of housing, with particular emphasis on homes for smaller households, suited to the younger and older generations.
HO5: Affordable Housing Thresholds and Percentages.	RCH2: Residential Development within Tibberton and Cherrington. RCH3: New Housing Development Outside Tibberton and Cherrington. RCH5: Type and Tenure of Housing.
HO6: Delivery of Affordable Housing	The TCNP is in conformity with and supports the T&W Local Plan approach to housing provision in rural areas, particularly for those members of the community who need smaller or more affordable homes. RCH2 seeks to ensure that the scale of development is proportionate to the size of the settlement, whilst RCH3 and RCH5 support proposals for suitable, appropriate affordable housing schemes on exception sites that comply with Local Plan Policy HO11.
HO11: Affordable Rural Exceptions	
HO10: Residential Development in the Rural Area	RCH1: Conservation of Tibberton's and Cherrington's Historic Character. RCH2: Residential Development within Tibberton and Cherrington. RCH3: New Housing Development Outside Tibberton and Cherrington. RCH4: Design of New Housing. The TCNP is in conformity with the Local Plan's approach to residential development in rural areas. Policy RCH1 supports the delivery of new rural housing where it preserves or promotes the distinctive rural character in the Parish whilst RCH2 seeks to ensure that the scale of the development is proportionate to the size of the settlement. Policy RCH3 seeks to protect the surrounding rural countryside from inappropriate development and RCH4 provides guidance on appropriate design which should contribute positively to improving people's quality of life whilst being sympathetic to the existing design and materials. RCH4 also requires developers to consider the environmental, wildlife and biodiversity aspects of the proposals.
NE1: Biodiversity and Geodiversity	RCH3: New Housing Development Outside Tibberton and Cherrington. RCH4: Design of New Housing. EOR1: Local Green Space. EOR2: Ecology and Landscape. In line with policy NE1 of the T&W Local Plan the TCNP aims to protect and enhance the natural environment,

T&W Local Plan Policy	TCNP Policy
	biodiversity and landscape features, improve connectivity between green spaces, and protect the countryside in the Parish and around the settlements from inappropriate development. Local Green Space designation will also help to protect green spaces for their recreational and amenity value and their wildlife features, all of which are important to the character and rural setting of the Parish.
NE2: Trees, Hedgerows and Woodlands	EOR2: Ecology and Landscape. The T&W Local Plan recognises the contribution that trees, hedgerows and woodlands make to biodiversity, amenity and landscape value. Policy EOR2 of the TCNP makes specific reference to protecting and enhancing features of significant nature conservation or landscape value, including mature trees, established hedgerows, rivers, ponds and existing woodlands in order to protect the biodiversity and landscape assets of the Parish.
NE3: Existing Public Open Space	EOR1: Local Green Space. In conformity with T&W Local Plan Policy NE3, the TCNP seeks to protect the only designated Local Green Space in the Parish, (the Playing Field) and other open spaces throughout the Parish as valued open areas which contribute to provisions for sport, recreation and biodiversity as well as local health and well-being. This is in line with paragraphs 96, 97 and 99 of the NPPF.
COM1: Community Facilities	CA1: Community Facilities. EOR1: Local Green Space. T&W Local Plan policy COM1 expects developments to preserve existing community facilities and sustain, enhance and provide new social infrastructure to meet demand arising from new development. This policy will support appropriate new community facilities, or improvements to existing ones, to meet the needs of local residents. The TCNP consider the protection of community facilities to be especially important in rural communities to maintain a viable and active community with social sustainability. Policies CA1 of the TCNP seek to protect existing and, where appropriate, support the enhancement of community facilities whilst EOR1 identifies the Playing Field as a designated Local Green Space that is important to the community in terms of recreation and amenity value.
C1: Promoting Alternatives to the Private Car	HB1: Linkages and Connections. The policies of the TCNP generally seek to reduce reliance on car journeys and encourage the use of public transport, particularly through the provision of safe routes for pedestrians and cyclists to local services, facilities and existing networks of walking and cycle routes.
C3: Impact of Development on Highways	CA2: Small-scale Employment Development. CA3: Tourism and Leisure Development. RCH4: Design of New Housing. HB1: Linkages and Connections.

T&W Local Plan Policy	TCNP Policy
	<p>The T&W Local Plan requires all developments to mitigate the impact of their proposals on the borough's road networks. The TCNP recognises that traffic congestion and highways safety are important issues in rural communities and seeks to ensure that new development traffic generation and parking does not adversely affect road and pedestrian safety whilst also seeking the promotion of alternative forms of transport.</p>
<p>C4: Design of Roads and Streets</p>	<p>CA2: Small-scale Employment Development. RCH4: Design of New Housing. HB1: Linkages and Connections.</p> <p>Policy C4 of the T&W Local Plan recognises the importance of the design and accessibility to the long term sustainability of new development. Whilst the scale of new development promoted in the TCNP is modest it nevertheless promotes the importance of good design ensuring safe accessibility and compatibility with walking and cycling.</p>
<p>C5: Design of Parking</p>	<p>RCH4: Design of New Housing.</p> <p>Policy RCH4 of the TCNP acknowledges the importance of parking provision to well designed new development and specifically refers to the parking standards in Appendix F of the T&W Local Plan</p>
<p>BE1: Design Criteria</p>	<p>RCH1: Conservation of Tibberton's and Cherrington's Historic Character. RCH4: Design of New Housing. EOR2: Ecology and Landscape. HB1: Linkages and Connections.</p> <p>The TCNP is committed to promoting well designed appropriate new development with particular emphasis on the wider historic character and rural setting of the settlements. Policies RCH4 and EOR2 focus on wider design issues for environmental, biodiversity and accessibility purposes whilst emphasising the need to protect and enhance the rural nature of the Parish through its natural and built environment.</p>
<p>BE4: Listed Buildings</p>	<p>RCH1: Conservation of Tibberton's and Cherrington's Historic Character.</p> <p>Local Plan Policy BE4 states that T&W will have special regard to the desirability of preserving the building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which it possesses. Development that would detract from or damage the setting of a listed building would not be supported. TCNP Policy RCH1 reflects the strong support in the Parish of the importance of protecting its historic character, including listed buildings and other structures considered to contribute to its distinctive local setting and appearance.</p>
<p>BE6: Buildings of local interest</p>	<p>RCH1: Conservation of Tibberton's and Cherrington's Historic Character.</p> <p>TCNP Policy RCH1 supports T&W Local Plan Policy BE6 and national policy which seeks to preserve buildings of local interest, such as the 'Primitive' Methodist Chapel, and encourage their full and appropriate use.</p>

COMPATIBILITY WITH EU OBLIGATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS

The Neighbourhood Development Plan has regard to the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights and complies with the Human Rights Act.

In February 2020, screening statements of the draft TCNP were produced regarding the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and an Appropriate Assessment under the EU Habitats Regulations. These Screening Statements concluded that neither an SEA nor an HRA ('Appropriate Assessment') were required and they were forwarded to Telford & Wrekin Council, Natural England, Environment Agency and Historic England for comment. These Screening Statements are included as part of the TCNP submission and responses confirming the findings are included in the Consultation Statement.

Based on the screening statements and responses received, the Parish Council considers that the TCNP does not require a Strategic Environmental Assessment under the SEA Directive and the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations (2004) nor a Habitats Regulations Assessment under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended). This is because there will be no significant environmental effects arising from its implementation and that it supplements national guidance whilst, for HRA purposes, none of the proposed policies within the TCNP has potential to lead to a Likely Significant Effect on a European Site. Therefore, the TCNP can be 'screened out' of the HRA process and an 'Appropriate Assessment' is not required. Amendments made to the TCNP following Regulation 14 are not significant in relation to SEA and HRA so the Parish Council considers the findings of the screening statements to be unaffected.