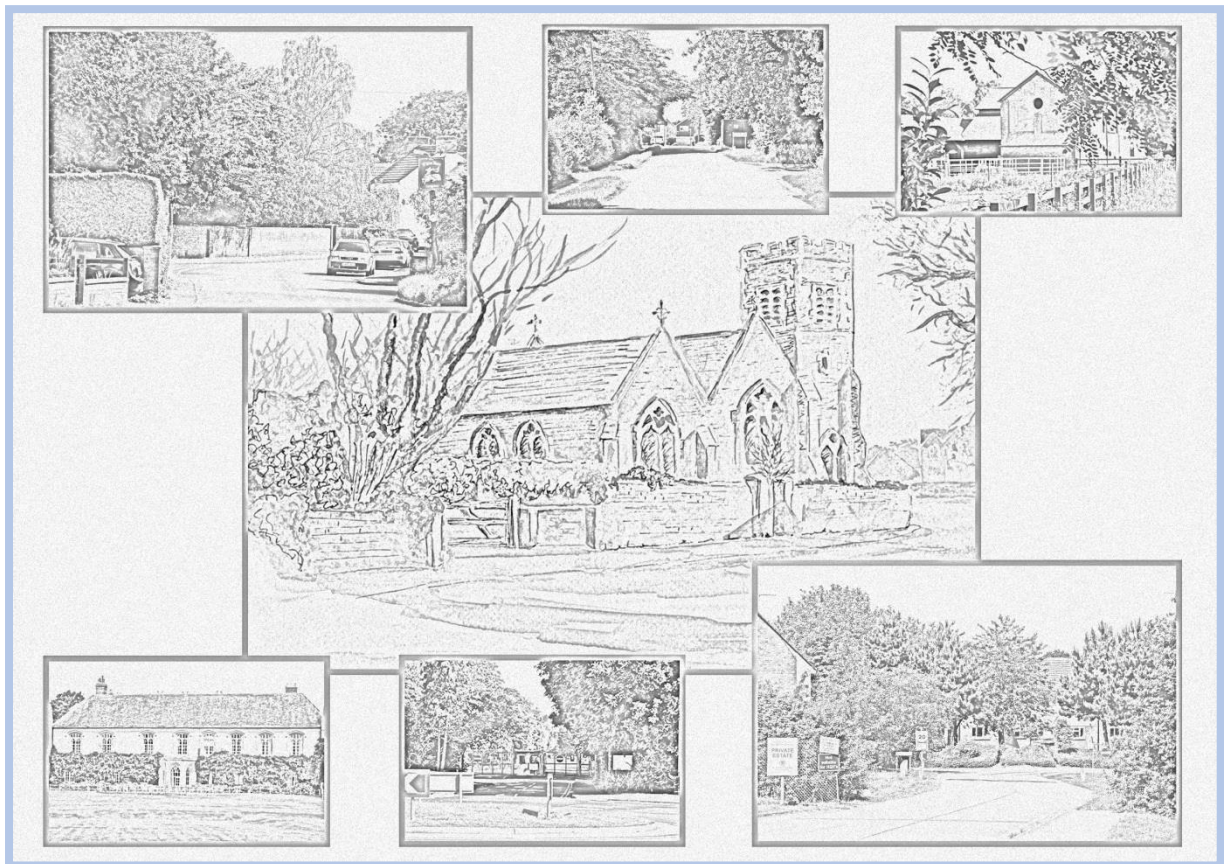


Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan Campton and Chicksands Parish Council 2020-2035

Basic Conditions Statement

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Foreword

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For further details, please refer to the Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan.

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Basic Conditions Statement has been produced to explain how the proposed Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan (CCNP) has been prepared in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning General Regulations 2015 (as amended) and how the basic conditions of neighbourhood planning and other considerations as prescribed by Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 48 to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 have been considered to have been met.
- 1.2 The Statement addresses each of the four basic conditions required of the Regulations and explains how the proposed Neighbourhood Plan meets the requirements of paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 48 to the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act.
- 1.3 The Regulations state that a Neighbourhood Plan will be considered to have met the basic conditions if:
 - having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the Neighbourhood Development Plan
 - the making of the Neighbourhood Development Plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development
 - the making of the Neighbourhood Development 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 Development Plan does no breach, and is otherwise compatible with EU regulations.

Supporting Documents and Evidence

- 1.4 The CCNP is supported by a Consultation Statement and this Basic Conditions Statement.

Key Statements

- 1.5 Campton and Chicksands Parish Council is a qualifying body and is entitled to submit a Neighbourhood Plan for its own parish. The CCNP presents policies that relate to the development and use of land only within the neighbourhood area.
- 1.6 The neighbourhood area is contiguous with the parish boundary, as shown in the map accompanying the neighbourhood area designation application.
- 1.7 The CCNP does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area. It is solely related to the area of Campton and Chicksands parish as designated by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) in September 2017.
- 1.8 There are no other Neighbourhood Development Plans in place for Campton and Chicksands.
- 1.9 The CCNP covers the period from 2020 to 2035.
- 1.10 No provision for excluded development such as national infrastructure is contained within the CCNP.

This Basic Conditions Statement addresses the requirements in the following sections of this Statement:

Section 2 provides some background regarding the establishment of a Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Section 3 demonstrates the plan is appropriate having regard to national planning policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

Section 4 shows how the CCNP will contribute towards achieving sustainable development.

Section 5 demonstrates conformity with the CBC Northern Core Strategy and Development Management policies, 2009 and the emerging Central Bedfordshire Local Plan (2015-2035).

Section 6 demonstrates compatibility with the appropriate EU regulations.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Campton and Chicksands Parish Plan Steering Committee was formed in late 2008 and following a period of consultation, the Parish Plan was adopted in 2010 with a proposed review period of every 5 years.
- 2.2 Although there was a review of actions from the Parish Plan in 2015, during this time the Locality Act of 2011 came into force giving communities the option to influence the future development of their Neighbourhood Area through the Neighbourhood Planning process. The Campton and Chicksands Parish Council received a letter in September 2017 notifying them of the designated Neighbourhood Area. The boundary of the Neighbourhood Plan area is shown in Figure 1 of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 2.3 The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by a Steering Group consisting of Parish Councillors and residents of the Parish. The Steering Group has organised all of the consultation events including working groups with residents, workshops, drop-in sessions, together with publicity and newsletter updates so that the opinions, concerns and all comments from residents have been taken into consideration in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. Relevant stakeholders have also been consulted, including landowners.

Other activities involved were:

1. Evidence gathering using surveys made available online and in hard copy
 2. Consultation events to residents on proposals and draft policies
 3. The development of a Green Infrastructure Plan, prepared by the Greensand Trust, to inform the Neighbourhood Plan and its environmental policies
 4. The development of a Design Statement to inform the Neighbourhood Plan and its building design policies
- 2.4 The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has worked closely with officers of CBC, in particular the Neighbourhood Involvement Officer, in order to collate the evidence base and formulate policies in addition to ensuring the emerging Neighbourhood Plan conforms with the relevant strategic policies of CBC. The Neighbourhood Plan is focused on a small number of locally relevant and important policies.

3 Conformity with National Planning Policy

- 3.1 It is a requirement that the Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan conforms to national planning policy. This is principally by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2018).
- 3.2 The NPPF refers to Neighbourhood Development Plans and requires that they have regard to the policies. In addition, the Neighbourhood Development Plan must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the local authority's Local Plan.
- 3.3 The CCNP has regard to relevant policies within the NPPF (2018) in relation to:
- Delivering a sufficient supply of homes
 - Building a strong, competitive economy
 - Promoting healthy and safe communities
 - Promoting sustainable transport
 - Supporting high quality communications
 - Making effective use of land
 - Achieving well-designed places
 - Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change
 - Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
 - Conserving and enhancing the historic environment
- 3.4 The CCNP has 28 objectives. These are summarised in Table 3.1 below and state which NPPF goals each objective seeks to address.
- 3.5 Table 3.2 then provides a summary of how each policy in the CCNP conforms specifically to the NPPF (2018).

Table 3.1 - Assessment of CCNP Objectives against the NPPF (2018)

CCNP Objective		Relevant NPPF (2018) Goal
Housing		
H1	To ensure that any new housing development in Campton preserves the character and heritage of the village but also necessitates that whilst meeting the needs of the village is designed to complement rather than detract from it and is compatible with its surroundings.	Achieving well-designed places
H2	To ensure that any housing development in Chicksands is in keeping with the existing Chicksands Private development and follows the same pattern as at present with large areas of open green space residents to enjoy.	Achieving well-designed places
H3	To provide a housing mix and tenures that enable people of all ages and means to live in the village at all stages of their lives.	Achieving well-designed places Delivering a sufficient supply of homes

Environment and Green Infrastructure ENV1 To retain and protect the green and open spaces around Campton and Chicksands and to prevent coalescences with Shefford. ENV2 To promote awareness and location of footpaths, bridle paths and open spaces. ENV3 To promote engagement with nature and wildlife. ENV4 To generate a proactive community response to environmental issues. ENV5 To identify and implement ecological enhancements wherever possible. ENV6 All new development proposals to enhance habitat and green spaces. ENV7 Protect and retain the historical environment of the Neighbourhood. ENV8 Protect and retain a diversity of habitat for biodiversity.	Conserving and enhancing the natural environment Achieving well-designed places Promoting healthy and safe communities Conserving and enhancing the natural environment Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change Conserving and enhancing the natural environment Conserving and enhancing the historic environment Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
Local Heritage LH1 To encourage that all assets of historical, natural or architectural merit are protected from detrimental development or inappropriate modification. With respect to archaeological site and where development cannot be avoided every opportunity to enhance our knowledge of the site should be taken. LH2 To promote care, and respect, for the protection and conservation of Campton and Chicksands' diverse natural environments, rural landscape, historic farmed pastures, settlements, buildings, parks and gardens, historic sites and monuments so they may be appreciated and enjoyed by generations to come.	Conserving and enhancing the historic environment Achieving well-designed places Conserving and enhancing the natural environment Conserving and enhancing the historic environment Promoting healthy and safe communities
Community Infrastructure CI1 To maintain and enhance the provision of existing facilities and public services. CI2 To ensure appropriate new provision is made for any future development both within the Parish and in the surrounding areas without any detrimental effect on the character or appearance of the location.	Achieving well-designed places Achieving well-designed places Conserving and enhancing the historic environment

CI3 To support the provision of outdoor facilities and equipment for children in suitable locations. CI4 To make available allotments and/or community garden for parishioners who wish to use them. CI5 To support routine maintenance of classroom facilities for children attending Campton Academy (Lower School). CI6 To achieve wider use and sustainability of community facilities through registration as Assets of Community Value. CI7 To provide the resources for parishioners who wish to engage in community tasks to improve communal areas and pathways. CI8 To take measures to negate anti-social behaviour in the parish, particularly on the Recreation Ground and the A507 underpass into Shefford, so that users feel safe.	Promoting healthy and safe communities Making effective use of land Promoting healthy and safe communities Making effective use of land Achieving well-designed places Conserving and enhancing the historic environment Promoting healthy and safe communities Promoting healthy and safe communities
Transport and Movement TM1 Maintain the road network to a safe and reliable standard to allow easy movement of all users around NP area. TM2 Identify improvements to the transport network system to ensure safety for all types of transport and pedestrians within the boundaries of the NP Area.	Promoting sustainable transport Promoting healthy and safe communities Promoting healthy and safe communities Promoting sustainable transport
Business and Employment BE1 To support the local economy through sustaining businesses located within the parish, where possible, and supporting the self-employed working from home. BE2 To support the provision of Superfast fibre broadband to ensure businesses and organisations have access to fast and reliable internet connectivity. BE3 To provide opportunities for local businesses to network with each other for sharing of experience and mentoring. BE4 To promote awareness of businesses within the parish, including small home-based businesses as well as larger enterprises.	Building a strong, competitive economy Supporting high quality communications Supporting high quality communications Building a strong, competitive economy

BE5 To ensure any expansion in business or services does not result in increased traffic through the area, particularly HGVs, or on road parking of vehicles.	Promoting sustainable transport Promoting healthy and safe communities
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Table 3.2 - Conformity of CCNP Policies with the NPPF (2018)

NPPF (2018) Section	NPPF (2018) Paragraph Reference	CCNP Policy
Housing		
Delivering a sufficient supply of homes - Rural Housing	6/d/e/f,124,125,127c1, 66, 77, 110, 118b, 112e, 129	HP1
Promoting sustainable transport - Considering development proposals	77	HP2
Supporting high quality communications	170a/b,174	HP2
Making effective use of land		HP3
Achieving well-designed places		HP2
Conserving and enhancing the natural environment	79c	HP3
- Habitats and biodiversity	79c,112d pages 5 and 9	HP3
Environment and Green Infrastructure		
Promoting healthy and safe communities - Open space and recreation	96, 99, 100, 170(a), 97, 174(a)(b) 91(c)	ENVP1
Promoting sustainable transport	91(c), 98, 104(d)	ENVP2
Conserving and enhancing the natural environment - Habitats and biodiversity	91(c), 92(a), 96	ENVP3
Local Heritage		
Achieving sustainable development	8, 20, 28, 100, 185, 189-192, 193-197, 198	LHP1
Plan making - Strategic and non-strategic policies	8, 20, 28, 100, 185, 189-192, 193-197, 198	LHP2
Promoting healthy and safe communities - Open space and recreation		

Conserving and enhancing the historic environment - Proposals affecting heritage assets - Considering potential impacts		
Community Infrastructure Achieving sustainable development Plan making - The plan making framework Delivering a sufficient supply of homes - Identifying land for homes - Maintaining supply and delivery Promoting healthy and safe communities - Open space and recreation Achieving well-designed places Conserving and enhancing the natural environment - Ground conditions and pollution Conserving and enhancing the historic environment	91,92,96,97,185 180,181,182 7,9,17,69,70,73,171 91,92,127 94	CIP1 CIP2 CIP3 CIP4 CIP5
Transport and Movement Promoting sustainable transport Promoting healthy and safe communities Promoting sustainable transport	102b 105, 106, 107 103 104 110a 91c 110c	See Non-Policy Actions NPA/TM1-6
Business and Employment Building a strong, competitive economy - Supporting a prosperous rural economy Supporting high quality communications	83, 84 112	BEP1 BEP2

4 Contribution to Sustainable Development

- 4.1 The NPPF states in paragraph 11 that a presumption in favour of sustainable development is at the heart of the NPPF.
- 4.2 Table 4.1 summarises how the objectives and policies of the CCNP contribute towards sustainable development as defined in the NPPF.

Table 4.1 - Assessment of CCNP objectives and policies against sustainable development

Deliver Economic Sustainability		
NPPF (2018) Definition 'to help build a strong, responsive and competitive economy'		
CCNP Objectives	CI1 To maintain and enhance the provision of existing facilities and public services. BE1 To support the local economy through sustaining businesses located within the parish, where possible, and supporting the self-employed working from home. BE2 To support the provision of Superfast fibre broadband to ensure businesses and organisations have access to fast and reliable internet connectivity. BE3 To provide opportunities for local businesses to network with each other for sharing of experience and mentoring. BE4 To promote awareness of businesses within the parish, including small home-based businesses as well as larger enterprises.	
CCNP Policies	CIP1 Protection of Local Community Facilities BEP1 Support for development of small businesses BEP2 Provision of Superfast Fibre Optic Broadband in New Development	
CCNP Comments	The CCNP seeks to support all businesses based within our rural community by maintaining, and looking for opportunities to enhance, existing community facilities and public services. Opportunities to improve community awareness and inter business networking will be explored and the plan supports more widespread provision of Superfast fibre broadband. In so doing it looks to sustain existing businesses at all levels including the self-employed working from home.	

Deliver Social Sustainability		
NPPF (2018) Definition 'to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities'		
CCNP Objectives	H1 To ensure that any new housing development in Campton preserves the character and heritage of the village but also necessitates that whilst meeting the needs of the village, is designed to complement rather than detract from it and is compatible with its surroundings. H2 To ensure that any housing development in Chicksands is in keeping with the existing Chicksands Private development and follows the same pattern as at present with large areas of open	

	green space residents to enjoy. H3 To provide a housing mix and tenures that enable people of all ages and means to live in the village at all stages of their lives. ENV1 To retain and protect the green and open spaces around Campton and Chicksands and to prevent coalescences with Shefford. ENV4 To generate a proactive community response to environmental issues. LH2 To promote care, and respect, for the protection and conservation of Campton and Chicksands' diverse natural environments, rural landscape, historic farmed pastures, settlements, buildings, parks and gardens, historic sites and monuments so they may be appreciated and enjoyed by generations to come. CI1 To maintain and enhance the provision of existing facilities and public services. CI3 To support the provision of outdoor facilities and equipment for children in suitable locations. CI5 To support routine maintenance of classroom facilities for children attending Campton Academy (Lower School). CI6 To achieve wider use and sustainability of community facilities through registration as Assets of Community Value. CI8 To take measures to negate anti-social behaviour in the parish, particularly on the Recreation Ground and the A507 underpass into Shefford, so that users feel safe. TM1 Maintain the road network to a safe and reliable standard to allow easy movement of all users around the NP area. TM2 Identify improvements to the transport network system to ensure safety for all types of transport and pedestrians within the boundaries of the NP area. BE1 To support the local economy through sustaining businesses located within the parish, where possible, and supporting the self-employed working from home.
CCNP Policies	HP1 Design and Diversity HP2 Design and Sustainability HP3 Settlements and Identity HP4 Development within Gardens ENVP1 Local Green Spaces ENVP3 Facilities for Environmental Education LHP1 Historic Environment (Archaeology & Landscape) LHP2 Heritage – Built Heritage CIP1 Protection of Local Community Facilities CIP2 Provision of Outdoor Facilities CIP5 Facilities at Campton Academy (Lower School) BEP1 Support for development of small businesses
CCNP Comments	The CCNP seeks to maintain a thriving community within the Parish of Campton and Chicksands. Of significant importance to residents is the need to preserve the character of both settlements; the character, history and heritage of Campton village and the characteristic green

	spaces within which Chicksands Private is set. Our policies look to achieve this whilst guiding any future development towards meeting local housing needs e.g. bungalows. Further importance is placed on avoiding coalescence with neighbouring settlements. Our policies seek to protect existing leisure assets and encourage the provision of new assets e.g. green spaces and outdoor/indoor community facilities commensurate with the settlements. Policies also recognise that the vitality of our rural community is also dependent on supporting local business.
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Deliver Environmental Sustainability		
NPPF (2018) Definition 'to contribute to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment'		
CCNP Objectives	H1 To ensure that any new housing development in Campton preserves the character and heritage of the village but also necessitates that whilst meeting the needs of the village is designed to complement rather than detract from it and is compatible with its surroundings. H2 To ensure that any housing development in Chicksands is in keeping with the existing estate and follows the same pattern as at present with large areas of open green space residents to enjoy. ENV1 To retain and protect the green and open spaces around Campton and Chicksands and to prevent coalescences with Shefford. ENV4 To generate a proactive community response to environmental issues. ENV5 To identify and implement ecological enhancements wherever possible. ENV6 All new development proposals to enhance habitat and green spaces. ENV7 Protect and retain the historical environment of the Neighbourhood. ENV8 Protect and retain a diversity of habitat for biodiversity. LH1 To encourage those assets of historical, natural or architectural merit are protected from detrimental development or inappropriate modification. With respect to archaeological site and where development cannot be avoided every opportunity to enhance our knowledge of the site should be taken. CI2 To ensure appropriate new provision is made for any future development both within the Parish and in the surrounding areas without any detrimental effect on the character or appearance of the location. BE5 To ensure any expansion in business or services does not result in increased traffic through the area, particularly HGVs, or on road parking of vehicles.	

CCNP Policies	HP1 Design and Diversity HP2 Design and Sustainability HP4 Development within Gardens ENVP1 Local Green Spaces ENVP2 Rights of Way ENVP3 Facilities for Environmental Education LHP1 Historic Environment (Archaeology & Landscape) LHP2 Built Heritage CIP2 Provision of New community facilities BE1 Support for development of small businesses
CCNP Comments	The CCNP seeks to protect the character of both Campton and Chicksands by requiring good design of any new development, and conserving the built form, history, heritage and their setting within the settlements. Further protection of local character and leisure facilities (existing and new) is also supported by the designation of Local Green Spaces of importance to the community. Support for environmental education, a focus on managing traffic issues and the promotion of opportunities for local walking and cycling further underpin the environmental credentials of the CCNP.

- 4.3 As demonstrated in Table 4.1, the strategic objectives of the Neighbourhood Development Plan are considered to comprise a balance of social, economic and environmental goals.
- 4.4 CBC was formally requested to conduct a screening option to determine whether the Draft Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan required a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). In January 2020 Central Bedfordshire Council issued a SEA screening determination which confirmed that the CCNP was not likely to have any significant environmental effects (See Appendix 1).

5 General Conformity to Strategic Local Policy

5.1 Campton and Chicksands lies within the local authority area of Central Bedfordshire and the Neighbourhood Plan must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan of CBC.

5.2 The Development Plan currently consists of the following:

- 2009 Central Bedfordshire Council Core Strategy and Development Management Policies
- 2014 Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire and Luton Borough Council's Minerals and Waste Local Plan; Strategic Sites and Policies
- 2017-2035 Central Bedfordshire Council Submission Local Plan

The relevant CCNP policies are shown in Table 5.1 together with a consideration of whether they represent the strategic policies of the development. Where they do, consideration is made of whether the CCNP is in general conformity with them.

Any CBC policy not identified in Table 5.1 is not considered to be relevant to the CCNP.

Table 5.1 - Relevant strategic policies in the 2009 Central Bedfordshire Council Core Strategy and Development Plan documents

Local Plan Policy		CCNP Policy
Core Strategic Policies 2009		
CS1	Development Strategy (Rural Areas)	HP3
CS3	Healthy and Sustainable Communities	CIP3, CIP4, CIP5
CS4	Linking Communities – Accessibility and Transport	CIP4, See also Non-Policy Actions NPA/TM1-6
CS11	Rural Economy and Tourism	BEP1
CS13	Climate Change	CIP4
CS14	High Quality Development	CIP2
CS15	Heritage	LHP1
CS16	Landscape and Woodland	ENVP2, LHP2
CS17	Green Infrastructure	ENVP2
DM2	Sustainable Construction of New Buildings	HP1, HP2
DM3	High Quality Development	HP1, HP2, BEP2
DM4	Development Within and Beyond Settlement Envelopes	HP4
DM5	Important Open Space within Settlement Envelopes	HP2, ENVP1, ENVP3
DM9	Providing a Range of Transport	See Non-Policy Actions NPA/TM5-6
DM10	Housing Mix	HP1
DM16	Green Infrastructure	ENVP1, ENVP2
DM17	Accessible Green Spaces	ENVP2, CIP4

Table 5.2 Relevant strategic policies in the 2015-2035 in the emerging Central Bedfordshire Council Local Plan

Local Plan Policy		CCNP Policy
Strategic Policies 2015-2035		
SP3	Generic requirements for Strategic Sites	See Non-Policy Actions NPA/TM1,2,4,5,6
SP5	Preventing Coalescence and Important Countryside Gaps	HP1, HP3
SP7	Development within settlement envelopes	HP3, HP4

Local Plan Policy		CCNP Policy
Core Policies 2015-2035		
Housing		
H1	Housing Mix	HP1
H2	Housing Standards	
H3	Housing of older people	HP1
Employment & Economy		
EMP1	Employment Sites and Uses	BEP1
EMP4	Rural and Visitor Economy	BEP1
Retail & Town Centres		
R2	Retail for minor service centres, villages and the rural economy	See Non-Policy Actions NPA/TM1,2,4
Transport		
T1	Mitigation of Transport Impacts on the Network	See Non-Policy Actions NPA/TM1
T2	Highway Safety and Design	See Non-Policy Actions NPA/TM2,3,5
T3	Parking	HP2, See Non-Policy Actions NPA/TM2,5
T4	Public Transport Interchanges	See Non-Policy Actions NPA/TM3,6
T6	Management of Freight	See Non-Policy Actions NPA/TM4
Environmental Enhancement		
EE1	Green Infrastructure	ENVP1, ENVP2
EE4	Trees, Woodlands and Hedgerows	ENVP1
EE5	Landscape Character and Value	ENVP3, LHP1, LHP2
EE6	Tranquillity	ENVP1, ENVP2, ENVP3
EE12	Public Rights of Way	ENVP2
EE13	Outdoor sport, leisure and open space	ENVP1, ENVP3, CIP1, CIP3, CIP4

Climate Change & Sustainability	
CC1 Climate Change and sustainability	HP2, BEP1, See Non-Policy Actions NPA/TM5,6
High Quality Places	
HQ1 High Quality Development	HP1, CIP2
HQ3 Provision for Social and Community Infrastructure	CIP1, CIP5
HQ5 Broadband and Telecommunications Infrastructure	BEP2
Historic Environment	
HE1 Archaeology and Scheduled Monuments	LHP1
HE2 Historic Parks and Gardens	LHP1
HE3 Built Heritage	LHP2
Development in the Countryside	
DC1 Re-use of buildings in the Countryside	BEP1

6 Compatibility with European Union Legislation

- 6.1 European Union Directive 2001/42/EC requires a Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) to be undertaken for certain types of plan or programmes that would have a significant environment 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 is 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). Regulation 11 states that within 28 days of making the SEA screening determination it shall:
- send to each consultation body a statement of its reasons for determination (where it is determined that the plan does not require an environmental assessment)
 - bring to the attention of the public that it has determined the plan is not likely to have significant environmental effects
 - make copies of the determination available to view
- 6.2 In late 2019 Campton and Chicksands Parish Council via the Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group requested from Central Bedfordshire Council, as the

responsible body, to consider whether an environmental assessment of the emerging CCNP is required.

- 6.3 In January 2020 Central Bedfordshire Council issued a SEA screening determination which confirmed that the CCNP was not likely to have any significant environmental effects. This was following consultation with the statutory consultation bodies in 6.1.
- 6.4 In line with Regulation 11 of the SEA regulations, Central Bedfordshire Council sent the SEA screening determination to the consultation bodies within 28 days of the screening determination and issued a statement of its reasons for the determination. The SEA screening determination was made available to view on the CBC website.
- 6.5 In line with regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) this document is also submitted alongside the Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- 6.6 The CCNP SEA/HRA screening determination statement of reasons document also confirms that the making of the CCNP is not likely to have significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.
- 6.7 The CCNP has regard to the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights. The CCNP also complies with the Human Rights Act.
- 6.8 As part of the formal screening process CBC confirmed that there were unlikely to be any significant effects on European sites so no Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA) was required.

7 Conclusion

The Basic Conditions as set out in Schedule 4B to the TCPA 1990 are considered to be met by the Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan and all the policies therein. It is therefore respectfully suggested that the Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan complies with Paragraph 8(1) (a) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act.

8 Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1 - SEA Screening Determination of Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan



Clerk to Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

Your ref:

Our ref: CAMP/SEA/20

Date: 15/01/2020

Dear Mrs. Medley

SEA Screening Determination of Campton & Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan

In accordance with Regulation 9 of the SEA Regulations 2004, Central Bedfordshire Council, as the responsible authority, has determined on **15th December 2020** that a **strategic environmental assessment (SEA)** of the emerging Campton & Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan **is not required** as it is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.

As part of this SEA screening, Habitat Regulations screening was undertaken because plans that are likely to have significant impact on European Sites require a Strategic Environmental Assessment in addition to an Appropriate Assessment (Habitat Regulation Assessment). This screening concluded that the Campton & Chicksands NP is unlikely to have significant impact on European sites and therefore the **Campton & Chicksands NP does not require a full HRA to be undertaken.**

In making this determination, the Council has had regard to Schedule 1 of the Regulations and has carried out consultation with the statutory consultation bodies. An assessment against Schedule 1 of the Regulations and comments made by the consultation bodies are set out in the attached SEA Screening Determination Statement.

The above determination was made based on information provided by Campton & Chicksands Parish Council on the content of the emerging Plan, in this instance: the draft Campton & Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan submitted to the Council on 23rd September 2019.

Should the content of the Final Submission Plan be revised and/or there is a material change in the environmental characteristics in the locality (e.g. any new or any changes to nature conservation designations), then the screening

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process will have to be reviewed and determination reconsidered to take account of the changes.

This may result in changes to the above determination. It is Campton & Chicksands Parish Council's responsibility to inform Central Bedfordshire Council about any changes before the final submission of their Neighbourhood Plan.

A copy of the statement will be available in due course for inspection at the Council website at:

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/45/planning_policy/473/neighbourhood_planning/3

It will also be available on request at: Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5TQ.

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Please note that the full Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination Statement is presented in the appendices of the Consultation Statement to be submitted with the Regulation 15 draft of the Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan.