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#### 1 Introduction

As part of the formal submission of the Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan (ENP) for Examination, there is a requirement for the Parish Council, as the 'qualifying body' to illustrate that it has complied with a series of 'basic conditions' as set out in the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as Amended). This Statement accompanies the submission to the local planning authority, Mid Suffolk District Council, of the ENP under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 ("the Regulations"). Regulation 15 requires a submission neighbourhood development plan to be accompanied by *"a statement explaining how the proposed neighbourhood development plan meets the requirements of paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act"*.

This statement has been prepared in order to confirm compliance with these "basic conditions" by assessing the Neighbourhood Plan against:

- 1 The Legal Requirements
- 2 The Basic Conditions
- 3 Conformity with National Planning Policy
- 4 Achieving sustainable development
- 5 The strategic policies contained in the development plan
- 6 Compatibility with European Union Obligations and Human Rights

Based on the above assessments, it is considered that the Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan complies with the requirements of the basic conditions as set out in Paragraph 8(1)(a) of Schedule 4B of the Act.

#### 2. Legal Requirements

- 2.1 Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) identifies the "Basic Conditions" that the neighbourhood plan must comply with.
- 2.2 Paragraph 8 (1) states that the examiner must consider:
  - (a) whether the draft neighbourhood development plan meets the basic conditions (see subparagraph (2)),
  - (b) whether the draft neighbourhood development plan complies with the provision made by or under sections 38A and 38B of this Act,
  - (d) whether the area for any referendum should extend beyond the neighbourhood area to which the draft neighbourhood development plan relates, and
  - (e) such other matters as may be prescribed.
- 2.3 Paragraph 8 (2) states that a draft neighbourhood development plan meets the basic conditions if:
  - (a) having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the neighbourhood development plan,
  - (d) the making of the neighbourhood development plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development,
  - (e) 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),
  - (f) the making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations, and
  - (g) prescribed conditions are met in relation to the neighbourhood development plan and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the neighbourhood development plan.

The requirements of Paragraph 8(2(b), (2)(c) (3), (4) and (5) are not of relevance to the compliance with the basic conditions' tests.

- 2.4 Paragraph 8 (6) stipulates that the examiner is not to consider any matter that does not fall within subparagraph (1) apart from considering whether the draft neighbourhood plan is compatible with the Convention rights.
- 2.5 On 28 December 2018 the Conservation of Habitats and Species and Planning (Various Amendments) (England and Wales) Regulations 2018 came into force. Amongst other things, these Regulations amend the basic condition prescribed in Regulation 32 and Schedule 2 (Habitats) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) which stated:
  - The making of the neighbourhood plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

The Regulations substitute a new basic condition which states:

• The making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

#### Meeting the Legal Requirements

Compliance with the individual elements of the legal requirements is set out below.

Requirement	Interpretation	ENP response
4B 8 (1)(a) Whether the Draft NP meets the Basic Conditions	This requires the ENP to demonstrate compliance with paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the T&CP Act.	This is considered in detail in later sections of this Statement.
4B 8 (1)(b) Whether the Draft Order Complies with Sections 38A & 38B of the Compulsory Purchase Act 2004	This requires the draft order to comply with Sections 38A & 38B of the Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Section 38A sets out the "Meaning of Neighbourhood Development Plan".	Compliance with Sections 38A and 38B is demonstrated in the following rows.
	Section 38A(1) "any qualifying body is entitled to initiate a process for the purpose of requiring a Local Planning Authority in England to make a Neighbourhood Development Plan."	The Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted by Elmswell Parish Council, a qualifying body (as defined in the Localism Act 2011).
	Section 38A(2) A "Neighbourhood Development Plan is a plan which sets out policies (however expressed) in relation to the development and use of land in the whole or any part of a particular neighbourhood area specified in the plan."	The ENP sets out Policies that relate to the development and use of land for the Neighbourhood Area covering the Parish of Elmswell, as designated by Mid Suffolk District Council on 14 January 2014. The boundary of the Neighbourhood Area is shown in Map 1 in the ENP.
	Section 38A, Paragraphs (3) - (12)	These paragraphs are not of relevance to the submission phase of the NP.
	Section 38B1(a) The Neighbourhood Development Plan "Must specify the period for which it is to have effect."	The plan period of the ENP is from 2022 to 2037.
	Section 38B1(b) A Neighbourhood Development Plan "may not include provision about development that is excluded development."	The ENP does not contain policies relating to excluded development as defined in Section 61K of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
	Section 38B1(c) A Neighbourhood Development Plan may not relate to more than one neighbourhood area	The ENP does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area. It solely relates to the Neighbourhood Plan Area as designated by Mid Suffolk District Council on 14 January 2014.
	Section 38B(2) Only one Neighbourhood Development Plan may be made for each neighbourhood area.	There are currently no other NP's in place in this neighbourhood area.
	Section 38B(3) If to any extent a policy set out in a Neighbourhood Development Plan	There are no conflicts within the ENP

Interpretation	ENP response
conflicts with any other statement or information in the plan, the conflict must be resolved in favour of the policy.	
Section 38B(4)(a)	The Neighbourhood Planning (General)
Regulations made by the Secretary of State may make provisions for "restricting the provision that may be included in Neighbourhood Development Plans about the use of land."	Regulations 2012 have been used to inform the preparation of the ENP.
These Regulations are set out in Statutory Instrument 2012 No 637, The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.	
Section 38B(4)(b) Regulations made by the Secretary of State may make provisions "requiring Neighbourhood Development Plans to include such matters as are prescribed in the Regulations "	A screening process was carried out by the local planning authority in October 2022 to determine whether a Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) or Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) would be required in support of the ENP.
	The SEA screening concluded that the NP is unlikely to have significant environmental effects and therefore a full SEA is not required.
	In terms of HRA the screening concluded that an appropriate assessment was not required.
Section 38B, which include paragraphs 38B(4)(c), 5 & 6,	The remaining requirements are not of relevance to this Basic Conditions Statement
This requires the examiner to consider whether the area for any referendum should extend beyond the NP Area to which it relates.	The ENP relates solely to land that falls within the Parish of Elmswell.
This requires the examiner to consider such other matters as may be prescribed	There are no other prescribed matters.
These Regulations require an Appropriate Assessment of the Plan to be carried out should the SEA and HRA Screening Opinion deem it necessary.	Both the SEA and HRA Screening Opinion concluded that no further assessments were required.
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#### 3. Compliance with Basic Conditions

- 3.1 Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act sets out the basic conditions that must be met by a draft Neighbourhood Plan. Subsections (a), (d), (e), (f), and (g) are of relevance to this statement. The Regulations state that the neighbourhood plan will have met the basic conditions if it:
  - 1. Has regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State;
  - 2. Contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
  - 3. Is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan for the area; and
  - 4. Is compatible with European Union (EU) and European Convention on Human Right (ECHR) obligations.

#### **National Policy**

- 3.2 The Elmswell Neighbourhood Development Plan must have appropriate regard to national policy. The following section describes how the ENP relates to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which was originally published in 2012, amended in July 2018, February 2019 and further amendments were made in July 2021. It is the latter version of the NPPF that has been used as the basis to assess the ENP. The NPPF is framed around a basic premise of achieving sustainable development, comprising three main dimensions: economic, social and environmental. It requires the planning system to have regard to three overarching objectives:
  - a) an economic objective to help build a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right types is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth, innovation and improved productivity; and by identifying and coordinating the provision of infrastructure;
  - b) a social objective to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by ensuring that a sufficient number and range of homes can be provided to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by fostering well-designed, beautiful and safe places, with accessible services and open spaces that reflect current and future needs and support communities' health, social and cultural well-being; and
  - c) an environmental objective to protect and enhance our natural, built and historic environment; including making effective use of land, improving biodiversity, using natural resources prudently, minimising waste and pollution, and mitigating and adapting to climate change, including moving to a low carbon economy.
- 3.3 The NPPF contains thirteen topic-based chapters in which more detailed policy guidance is set out for plan making and decision taking. Table 1, below, identifies how the ENP meets the basic condition of having regard to the NPPF by assessing the Plan against the principles for each of the topic-based chapters.

#### Table 1 - Compatibility of the plan's policies against the NPPF Core Principles

NPPF Topic	Elmswell NP Policies
Delivering a sufficient supply of homes	ELM 1 – Planning Strategy
Building a strong, competitive economy	ELM 5 - Employment Sites
Ensuring the vitality of town centres	ELM 4 - Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities
Promoting healthy and safe communities	ELM 3 - Local Green Spaces
	ELM 4 - Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities
Promoting sustainable transport	The NP does not contain policies on this matter
Supporting high quality communications	The NP does not contain policies on this matter
Making effective use of land	ELM 1 – Planning Strategy
Achieving well-designed places	ELM 3 - Local Green Spaces
	ELM 4 - Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities
Protecting Green Belt land	There is no Green Belt in the NP area
Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change	The NP does not contain policies on this matter
Conserving and enhancing the natural	ELM 2 – Protection of Important Views
environment	ELM 3 - Local Green Spaces
	ELM 4 - Open space, sport and recreation facilities
Conserving and enhancing the historic environment	ELM 5 - Employment Sites
Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals	The NP does not contain policies on this matter

#### How the purpose of ENP policies achieve sustainable development

3.4 The table below identifies the purpose of each policy in the Neighbourhood Plan and its intended outcome in relation to achieving sustainable development as defined by the NPPF.

Policy	Purpose	Outcome
ELM 1	To set out the strategy for the location of new development in Elmswell during the plan period.	Ensures that new development is within the settlement boundary commensurate with the role and function of the village.
ELM 2	Identifies important views to be protected.	Ensures important views are retained to conserve the setting of the plan area.
ELM 3	Designates 8 local green spaces that meet the NPPF criteria.	Identifies and protects green areas of particular importance to the local community
ELM 4	Seeks to retain and enhance open space, sports and recreation facilities.	Contributes to maintaining a healthy community.
ELM 5	Seeks to retain existing employment sites and to allow for their development.	Contributes to ensuring a balanced community with local employment opportunities.

General conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan

- 3.5 The Neighbourhood Plan must demonstrate that it is in general conformity with the development plan for the local authority area concerned. The development plan currently in force is the Mid Suffolk Core Strategy (adopted September 2008), the Core Strategy Focused Review (adopted 2012) and the saved policies of the Mid Suffolk Local Plan (adopted September 1998).
- 3.6 Mid Suffolk District Council has commenced the preparation of a new joint local plan with Babergh District Council to cover the two local planning authority areas. Consultation on Issues and Options took place between January and March 2015, with a further options consultation in August 2017. Preferred Options were consulted on in July 2019 and on 31 March 2021 the Joint Local Plan was submitted for examination. Whilst the examination hearings commenced in September 2021, the appointed examiners identified matters requiring further investigation and evidence. Consequently further work is in progress including but not limited to a review of the settlement hierarchy, spatial distribution of housing and the housing site selection process. Correspondence from the inspectors dated **<u>28 April 2022</u>**, acknowledges the need for further work and public consultation on the proposed main modifications. Further correspondence dated **<u>16 September 2022</u>** suggests that further hearing sessions may be necessary in 2023. However, the Council's most recent Local Development Scheme envisages the Part 1 Local Plan being adopted by Spring 2023. At the time of preparing this Basic Conditions Statement it seems unrealistic to expect Part 1 to be adopted in Spring 2023 and no further details or new evidence is available on the Council's website. Consequently, the Neighbourhood Plan has had regard to the submission version of the Joint Local Plan as published, but only in so far as to reference the strategic vision and objectives, in acknowledgement that the spatial strategy could change.
- 3.7 The Mid Suffolk Core Strategy 2008 Spatial Vision states, in relation to the ENP, that:
  - By 2025 the district will become a more prosperous, healthy, safer, attractive and greener place to live with fewer inequalities, improved access to and provision of housing, employment and services for all;
  - The Council will maintain the rural character of the individual villages;
  - The Vision will be achieved in ways that reduce the impact of society on the environment, improve the quality of design of the built environment and protect and enhance settlement character, environmental assets such as its biodiversity, geodiversity and historic environment;
  - Development will need to address the issues of energy and resource conservation; good design in new development; incorporate sustainable drainage systems; and the enhancement of the

natural and built environment and heritage.

3.8 The Neighbourhood Plan is limited in its presentation and includes just five policies setting out the matters important to the local community, hence there is no expressed vision, or series of objectives. However, the nature of the policies and their intent conform with the Core Strategy Vision and Objectives.

Fit of the Policies of Elmswell Neighbourhood Development Plan with the Mid Suffolk Core Strategy 2008 as amended by the Focused Review 2012

3.9 The following tables firstly, identify how the objectives of the Core Strategy and the ENP complement each other. This is then followed by reference to the strategic vision and objectives of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan – pre-submission version as referenced in para 3.6 above.

Core Strategy Vision	Neighbourhood Plan Policies
To remain a distinct and rural village by preserving and enhancing our surroundings and delivering new housing of an appropriate form, location and scale. A safe, thriving and tranquil place where valued services are improved and enhanced, leading to a better quality of life for all.	All policies within the ENP aim to fulfil this vision.

Core Strategy Objective	Neighbourhood Plan Policies
SO1: To protect, manage, enhance and restore the landscape, biodiversity and geodiversity of the district.	ELM 1 – Planning Strategy ELM 2 – Protection of Important Views
SO2: To seek to improve water quality and reduce pollution to the wider environment	The NP does not contain policies on this matter
SO3 (2012): To respond to the possible harm caused by climate change Mid Suffolk will seek to minimise its carbon footprint, by encouraging a shift to more sustainable travel patterns. In particular the Council will address congestion and pollution and ensure that all new development minimises its carbon emissions, and carbon consumption and is adapted to future climate change.	The NP does not contain policies on this matter
SO4: To protect, manage, enhance and restore the historic heritage / environment and the unique character and identity of the towns and village by ensuring that new developments are appropriate in terms of scale and location in the context of settlement form and character.	ELM 1 – Planning Strategy
SO5: Reinforce the vitality and viability of local shops, schools, services, recreation and community facilities in towns and key service centres and primary villages.	The NP does not contain policies on this matter
SO6 (2012): Provision of housing, employment, retail infrastructure and access to services will be coordinated to ensure that delivery of necessary infrastructure takes place to accommodate new development and to enable communities to be balanced, inclusive and prosperous.	ELM 1 – Planning Strategy ELM 5 – Employment Sites

Core Strategy Objective	Neighbourhood Plan Policies
SO7: To support sustainable communities by locating development where it will enable people to access jobs and key services, such as education, health, recreation and other facilities recognising and respecting the diversity in the function and character of Mid Suffolk's towns, key service centres and primary and secondary village and countryside.	ELM 1 – Planning Strategy ELM 5 – Employment Sites
SO8: To meet the requirement set by the Regional Spatial Strategy for new housing while maintaining the special character of Mid Suffolk's towns, village and countryside. New development will be of a high standard of design and layout and will address the need for energy and resource conservation. SO9: Planning and housing policies will maximise the	The NP does not contain policies on this matter ELM 1 – Planning Strategy
provision of affordable housing to meet local needs.	
SO10: To prepare for an ageing population, including the provision and retention of community facilities and suitable housing, including sheltered and assisted accommodation.	The NP does not contain policies on this matter
SO11: To support the growth of the local economy and rural regeneration in ways which are compatible with environmental objectives, and which deliver increased prosperity for the whole community.	ELM 5 – Employment Sites
SO12: Promote high quality, sustainable tourism.	The NP does not contain policies on this matter
SO13: Support and enable public and community transport services and encourage walking and cycling initiatives to provide access to jobs, shops and services and consider new methods of delivering and protecting existing services for smaller communities.	The NP does not contain policies on this matter
SO14: To provide accessible and varied opportunities	ELM 2 – Protection of Important Views
for leisure, cultural and recreational activities in order to promote healthy lifestyles.	ELM 3 – Local Green Spaces
	ELM 4 – Open space, sport and recreation facilities
SO15: To develop vibrant and prosperous towns and service centres by encouraging development that supports their function with a range of good quality jobs, businesses, shops and services that meet the needs of local people.	ELM 5 – Employment Sites

Fit of the Elmswell Neighbourhood Development Plan with the Vision and Objectives of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Pre-Submission Version, Vision and Objectives November 2020.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Pre- Submission version November 2020 Vision and Objectives	Neighbourhood Plan Policies
Vision reflects the following in relation to Elmswell:	Policies
	All policies with specific reference to:
By 2037 the districts will have transitioned to a low	ELM 1 – Planning Strategy
carbon future;	ELM 2 – Protection of Important Views
Growth will embed the principles of sustainable	ELM 3 – Local Green Spaces
development;	ELM 4 – Open space, sport and recreation facilities

Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Pre- Submission version November 2020 Vision and Objectives	Neighbourhood Plan Policies
Housing delivery will include affordable housing and cater for the ageing population; enhanced biodiversity through measurable net gains; development will be sensitive to the historic and landscape character; development will apply good design principles; many communities have adopted neighbourhood plans adding locally to the decision making process.	
Objectives:	
Housing :	
1. Delivery of the right types of homes, of the right tenure in the right place meeting need. Economy :	Policies ELM 1 – Planning Strategy
<ol> <li>Encourage the development of employment sites and other business growth, of the right type, in the right place and encourage investment in infrastructure, skills and innovation in order to increase productivity.</li> <li>To encourage inward investment to the Districts, by supporting infrastructure improvements that will enable the continued growth of The Port of Felixstowe and strengthen the Districts' links to The Port of Felixstowe and the rest of the UK.</li> </ol>	<u>Policies</u> ELM 5 – Employment Sites
Environmental :	
<ul> <li>4. To protect and enhance environmental assets (including designated sites, landscapes, heritage, biodiversity net gains, green spaces, air and water quality, and river corridors) for current and future generations.</li> <li>5. Ensure new development avoids areas of flood risk and reduces future flood risk.</li> <li>6. To reduce the drivers of climate change as much as possible from a social, economic and environmental perspective, with the ambition to be carbon neutral by 2030.</li> </ul>	Policies ELM 2 - Protection of Important views ELM 3 - Local Green Spaces
<ul> <li>Healthy communities and infrastructure :</li> <li>7. To enable all communities to thrive, grow, be healthy, active and self-sufficient through supporting the provision of the necessary infrastructure, and encouraging more sustainable travel.</li> <li>8. To support communities to deliver plans and projects at the district and neighbourhood levels, specifically providing opportunities for the District Councils supporting communities on the development on neighbourhood plans.</li> <li>9. To work with the communities of Hadleigh and Sudbury in Babergh and Eye, Needham Market and Stowmarket in Mid Suffolk in the development of a vision and strategy for these towns.</li> </ul>	Policies ELM 1 – Planning Strategy ELM 3 - Local Green Spaces ELM 4 – Open space, sport and recreation facilities

#### Compatibility of the ENP with the Strategic Policies of the Development Plan

#### 3.10 The Government's Planning Practice Guidance states:

"Strategic policies will be different in each local planning authority area. When reaching a view on whether a policy is a strategic policy the following are useful considerations:

- whether the policy sets out an overarching direction or objective
- whether the policy seeks to shape the broad characteristics of development
- the scale at which the policy is intended to operate
- whether the policy sets a framework for decisions on how competing priorities should be balanced
- whether the policy sets a standard or other requirement that is essential to achieving the wider vision and aspirations in the Local Plan
- in the case of site allocations, whether bringing the site forward is central to achieving the vision and aspirations of the Local Plan
- whether the Local Plan identifies the policy as being strategic"
- 3.11 A significant number of policies in the Mid Suffolk Local Plan (1998) are officially "saved" by direction of the Secretary of State in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. In total these amount to over 150 policies. Mid Suffolk District Council has not identified which of the saved local plan policies are of a strategic nature. In the absence of this, the compatibility of the ENP policies against all policies have been assessed in terms of those that are considered relevant to Elmswell. Those that are not considered relevant are listed in Appendix A of this Statement. Whilst these policies remain saved the Joint Local Plan sets out an extensive list of policies that will be replaced (see Appendix 3 Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan), pending its successful examination and subsequent adoption.
- 3.12 The Core Strategy (2008) and Focused Review (2012) remain the more relevant development plan documents in relation to the assessment of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 3.13 The table on the following pages provides details of the policies in the development plan, a link to the ENP policy (where relevant) and a narrative of conformity of the ENP with the development plan.

Local Plan Strategic Policy	Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Comment
Mid Suffolk Core Strategy 2008		
CS1: Settlement Hierarchy	ELM 1 – Planning Strategy	Policy CS1 identifies Elmswell as a Key Service Centre which will benefit from appropriate development to meet local needs.
		The ENP provides opportunities for growth in accordance with the village's designation as a Key Service Centre in the Core Strategy.
CS2: Development in the Countryside and Countryside Villages	ELM 1 – Planning Strategy ELM 5 – Employment Sites	Policy CS2 restricts development in the countryside to defined categories.
		The ENP accords with this approach.
CS3: Reduce contributions to Climate Change	No specific policies apply	The ENP does not conflict with this approach
CS4: Adapting to Climate Change	No specific policies apply	The policy covers flood risk, pollution and protection of biodiversity.
		The ENP does not conflict with this approach
CS5: Mid Suffolk's Environment	ELM 2 – Protection of Important Views ELM 3 - Local Green Spaces	The policy seeks to maintain and enhance the environment.
	ELM 4 – Open space, sport and recreation facilities	Various policies in the ENP complement this policy.
CS6: Services and Infrastructure	No specific policies apply	The policy requires development to provide or support the delivery of appropriate infrastructure.
		The ENP does not conflict with this approach
CS7: Brownfield Target	ELM 1 – Planning Strategy	The Core Strategy sets a target of 50% of new homes on brownfield sites.
		The ENP does not conflict with this approach, Policy ELM 1 focuses development within the defined settlement boundary.
CS8: Provision and Distribution of Housing	No specific policies apply	The Core Strategy policy was superseded by the Core Strategy Focused Review 2012
CS9: Density and Mix	No specific policies apply	The policy requires a mix of house types, sizes and affordability, reflecting that lower densities may be justified in villages to take account of the character and appearance of the area. ENP does not contradict the Core Strategy policy.
CS10: Gypsy and Travellers	No specific policies apply	The policy seeks to provide appropriately located pitches to meet the identified need between 2006 and 2016. The ENP does not compromise the ability to use the criteria in Policy CS10 to consider the location of suitable sites.

Local Plan Strategic Policy	Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Comment
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Mid Suffolk Core Strategy Focused Review 2012		
Policy FC1: Presumption in favour of sustainable development	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy confirms that the NPPF presumption in favour of sustainable development will be applied. The ENP meets the NPPF sustainable development criteria.
Policy FC1.1: Mid Suffolk approach to delivering Sustainable Development	All policies contribute to the delivery of sustainable development.	The local plan policy requires development proposals to demonstrate the principles of sustainable development. The ENP meets the NPPF sustainable development criteria.
Policy FC2: Provision and Distribution of Housing	ELM 1 – Planning Strategy	The policy identifies the minimum amount of housing to be provided in the district to 2027 and locational strategy for where it will be provided. ENP does not contradict the Core Strategy policy.
Policy FC3: Employment	ELM 5 – Employment Sites	The policy identifies the number of new jobs that are likely to be required in the district by 2031 and provides a locational strategy for these jobs. ENP does not conflict with this policy given the village's designation as a Key Service Centre.

Mid Suffolk Local Plan First Alteration 2006 Saved Policies		
H4 Proportion of Affordable Housing in new housing developments	No specific policies apply	The Local Plan policy seeks to negotiate up to 35% of housing to be affordable on sites of 5 or more or 0.17ha and above in villages. The NPPF has potentially superseded the threshold and replaced it with 10 dwellings.
		The ENP does not conflict with this approach
H5 Affordable Housing on rural exception sites	No specific policies apply	The Local Plan policy identifies a process for delivering local needs affordable housing on sites abutting the settlement boundary of a small rural settlement. The ENP does not conflict with this approach.

Mid Suffolk Local Plan 1998 Saved Policies		
SB2 Development appropriate to its setting	ELM 1 – Planning Strategy ELM 2 - Protection of Important Views	The local plan policy sets out design criteria by which new development will be considered. The policies in the ENP complement the saved policies by providing a local context.
SB3 Retaining visually important open spaces	ELM 2 - Protection of Important Views ELM 3 – Local Green Spaces	The local plan policy seeks to protect visually important open spaces. This is updated by locally developed ENP policies that identify important local

Local Plan Strategic Policy	Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Comment
	ELM 4 - Open Space, sport and Recreation facilities	characteristics in the Plan Area including important views and local green spaces.
HB1 Protection of historic buildings	No specific policies apply	The local plan provides a strategic policy for protecting the character and appearance of buildings of architectural or historic interest and setting of listed buildings. The ENP does not conflict with this approach or national policy.
HB2 Demolition of listed buildings	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy resists the demolition of listed buildings.
HB3 Conversions and alterations to historic buildings	No specific policies apply	The ENP does not conflict with this approach or national policy.           The local plan policy resists the conversion or alteration of listed buildings.
HB4 Extensions to listed buildings	No specific policies apply	The ENP does not conflict with this approach or national policy.         The local plan policy enables the sympathetic extension of listed buildings.         The ENP does not conflict with this approach or national policy.
HB5 Preserving historic buildings through alternative uses	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy supports the change of use of listed buildings subject to certain criteria.
HB6 Securing the repair of listed buildings	No specific policies apply	The ENP does not conflict with this approach or national policy.           The local plan policy relates to the use of statutory powers to secure the repair of listed buildings.           The ENP does not conflict with this approach or national policy.
H3 Housing development in villages	ELM 1 – Planning Strategy	The local plan policy provides a presumption in favour of development within housing settlement boundaries, subject to the consideration of certain criteria. ENP polices conforms to this approach.
H7 Restricting housing development unrelated to needs of countryside	ELM 1 – Planning Strategy	The local plan policy controls proposals for new housing in the countryside. The ENP does not conflict with the Local Plan approach.
H8 Replacement dwellings in the countryside	ELM 1 – Planning Strategy	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of replacement dwellings in the countryside. The ENP does not conflict with the Local Plan approach although makes no specific reference to replacement dwellings, proposals for such would be considered against policy ELM 1.
H9 Conversion of rural buildings in the countryside	ELM 1 – Planning Strategy	The local plan provides criteria for the consideration of buildings in the countryside. The ENP does not conflict with the Local Plan approach.
H10 Dwellings for key agricultural workers	ELM 1 – Planning Strategy	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for agricultural workers' dwellings. The ENP does not conflict with the Local Plan approach and accords with the more up-to-date NPPF.
H11 Residential caravans and other mobile homes	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of residential caravans or mobile homes. The ENP does not contradict the local plan policy
H13 Design and layout of housing	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for new homes.

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development		
		The ENP does not conflict with this approach
H14 A range of house types to meet	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks a variety of house types and design in development of 10 or
different accommodation needs		more. The ENP does not conflict with this approach.
H15 Development to reflect local	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy requires that the development of new homes should be consistent
characteristics		with the pattern and form of development in the surrounding area. The ENP does not
		conflict with this approach.
H16 Protecting existing residential	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to protect existing amenity and character of residential areas.
amenity		The ENP policies support this approach.
H17 Keeping residential development	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy does not allow residential development which will be impacted by
away from pollution		existing noise, smell or other forms of pollution or hazardous installations. The ENP does
		not conflict with this approach.
H18 Extensions to existing dwellings.	ELM 1 – Planning Strategy	The policy regulates the potential impact of extensions to homes.
		The ENP policies support this approach.
H19 Accommodation for special family	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy addresses how proposals for residential annexes in the countryside
needs.		will be considered. The ENP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL2 Development within special landscape	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy identifies matters that will be considered for development proposals
areas.		in a Special Landscape Area.
		The ENP does not conflict with this approach.
CL3 Major utility installations and power	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks the careful siting of major installations for utilities and power
lines in the countryside.		lines.
		The ENP does not conflict with this approach
CL5 Protecting existing woodland.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to protect woodland, particularly ancient woodland.
		The ENP does not conflict with this approach.
CL6 Tree preservation orders.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy states that TPOs will be used to prevent the loss of important trees
		and woodland. The ENP does not conflict with this approach.
CL8 Protecting wildlife habitats.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy protects important habitats and species.
		The ENP does not conflict with this approach.
CL9 Recognised wildlife areas.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy will not allow development that would harm sites with a nature
		conservation interest. The ENP does not conflict with this approach.
CL11 Retaining high quality agricultural	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy encourages the conservation of the best agricultural land.
land.		The ENP does not conflict with this approach.
CL24 Wind turbines in the countryside.	ELM 2- Protection of Important Views	The local plan policy requires careful consideration of the siting of wind turbines to
		minimise visual impact. The policies of the ENP are compatible with the local plan policy.
E2 Industrial uses on allocated sites.	ELM 5- Employment Sites	Policy refers to sites allocated for employment uses. The ENP Proposals Map identifies
		specific employment sites.
E3 Warehousing, storage, distribution, and	No specific policies apply	The policy identifies how proposals for such uses will be considered, including in the
haulage depots.		countryside. The policies of the ENP do not conflict with the local plan approach.

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E4 Protecting existing industrial/business areas for employment- generating uses.	ELM 5 – Employment Sites	The local plan prevents development within or adjacent to existing business areas that would prejudice their continued use. The ENP policies do not conflict with this approach.
E5 Change of use within existing industrial/commercial areas.	ELM 5 – Employment Sites	The local plan policy provides for considering proposals for the change of use or new buildings for employment uses in existing employment areas. The ENP does not conflict with this approach.
E6 Retention of individual industrial and commercial sites.	ELM 5 – Employment Sites	The local plan policy sets out how proposals for the change of use of existing employment sites will be considered. The ENP does not conflict with this approach.
E7 Non-conforming industrial uses.	ELM 5 – Employment Sites	The local plan policy restricts the intensification of businesses that are inappropriate to the surroundings and encourages their relocation. The ENP does not conflict with this approach.
E8 Extensions to industrial and commercial premises.	ELM 5 – Employment Sites	The local plan policy provides consideration as to how proposals for extensions to existing premises will be considered. The ENP policies do not conflict with this approach.
E9 Location of new businesses.	ELM 5 – Employment Sites	The local plan provides criteria for the consideration of the siting of new business premises. The ENP does not conflict with this approach.
E10 New industrial and commercial development in the countryside.	No specific policies apply	The local plan restricts the development of new industrial development in the countryside unless a need to locate it away from towns and village can be justified. The ENP does not conflict with this approach.
E11 Re-use and adaption of agricultural and other rural buildings for industrial or commercial use	No specific policies apply	The local plan supports such proposals subject to certain criteria. The ENP does not conflict with this approach.
E12 General principles for location, design and layout of industrial and commercial development.	ELM 5 – Employment Sites	The local plan policy provides criteria for the location and design of new industrial and commercial development. The policies in the ENP do not conflict with this approach.
S3 Amusement centres.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the location of amusement centres and does not permit them in conservation areas. The policies in the ENP do not conflict with this approach.
S5 Living accommodation above shops and other commercial premises.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides for the creation of homes above shops. Although more appropriate to town centres, the ENP policies to not conflict with this approach.
S7 Provision of local shops.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of additional shopping floorspace within settlement boundaries. The policies in the ENP do not conflict with this approach.
S8 Shop front design.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides for how proposals for new shop fronts will be considered. The policies in the ENP do not conflict with this approach.
S9 Retaining traditional shop fronts.	No specific policies apply	The local plan seeks the retention of traditional shop fronts within conservation areas. The policies in the ENP do not conflict with this approach.
S10 Convenience goods stores.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria by which proposals for supermarkets will be considered. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
S11 Retail warehousing.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria by which proposals for retail warehouses will be considered. It is unlikely that such a proposal will be forthcoming in Elmswell but policies

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		in the ENP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
S12 Retail on industrial estates and commercial sites.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria by which proposals for retail on industrial estates will be considered. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
S13 Ancillary retail uses.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria by which proposals for ancillary uses will be considered. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
T1 Environmental impact of major road schemes.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for assessing the benefits and impacts of major road schemes. No such schemes are currently proposed in the ENP area but policies in the ENP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
T4 Planning obligations and highways infrastructure.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy refers to the ability for developers to enter into Section 106 agreements to secure necessary highway improvements. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
T6 Petrol filling station and other roadside services.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the location of petrol filling station and roadside services. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
T7 Provision of public car parking.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to provide adequate public car parks to meet identified needs. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
T9 Parking standards.	No specific policies apply	The local plan states that development should accord with the adopted parking standards. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with the approach.
T10 Highway considerations in development.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy sets out criteria for the consideration of highway matters. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with the approach.
T11 Facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to improve facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with the approach.
T12 Designing for people with disabilities.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to ensure that highways proposals have regard to the needs of people with disabilities. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
T13 Bus services.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to locate new development in ways which support the network of bus services. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with the approach.
T14 Rail Services	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to locate new development in ways which support the rail network and facilities. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with the approach.
RT1 Sports and recreation facilities for local communities.	ELM 4- Open Space, Sport and Recreation	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for new sport and recreation facilities. Policy ELM 4 does not conflict with this approach.
RT2 Loss of existing sports and recreation facilities.	ELM 4 - Open Space, Sport and Recreation	The local plan policy seeks to protect existing facilities or ensure suitable replacement facilities are provided. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
RT3 Protecting recreational open space.	ELM 4 - Open Space, Sport and Recreation	The local plan policy safeguards recreational open space from development. Where development is allowed, suitable and equivalent provision should be made. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
RT4 Amenity open space and play areas within residential development.	ELM 3 - Local Green Spaces ELM 4 - Open Space, Sport and Recreation	The local plan policy sets a standard for the provision of open space and play areas in large sites. The policies in the Neighbourhood Plan support this approach and provide for the identification of 8 local green spaces to contribute to local amenity.

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RT5 Recreational facilities as part of other development.	ELM 4 - Open Space, Sport and Recreation	The local plan policy seeks, where appropriate to secure recreation facilities as part of an office, retail, commercial or mixed-use development. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with this approach.
		The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of new or extensions of such
countryside.	Recreation	facilities in the countryside. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with this approach.
RT7 Noisy sports.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of the location of noisy sports. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with this approach.
RT8 Motor sports.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of the location of motor sports. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with this approach.
RT9 Facilities for air sports.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for air sports. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with this approach.
RT10 Golf courses.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for golf courses. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with this approach.
RT11 Facilities for informal countryside recreation	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals such as picnic areas and country parks. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with this approach.
RT12 Footpaths and bridleways.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to maintain and improve the public rights of way network. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with this approach.
	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy supports the development of water-based recreation facilities subject to impact on the character and appearance of the countryside. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with this approach.
RT14 Art in public places.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy encourages the provision of public art. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with this approach.
RT16 Tourism facilities and visitor attractions.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the location, design and scale of facilities and attractions. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with this approach.
RT17 Serviced tourist accommodation.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy identifies how proposals for tourist accommodation will be considered. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with this approach.
RT18 Touring caravan and camping sites.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy identifies how proposals for touring caravans and camping sites will be considered. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with this approach.
RT19 Static caravans and holiday chalets.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy identifies how proposals for such accommodation will be considered. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with this approach.
SC2 Septic tanks.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy identifies when the use of septic tanks in development will be acceptable. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with this approach.
SC3 Small sewage treatment plants.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy identifies how proposals involving small scale sewage treatment plants will be considered. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with this approach.
SC4 Protection of groundwater supplies.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to protect damage to and contamination of groundwater resources. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with this approach.
SC6 Recycling centres.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to provide recycling centres within major development schemes. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with this approach, although it is likely that such a major development would be contrary to the development plan.

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SC7 Siting of telecommunications	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to minimise the visual impact of telecommunications equipment
equipment		including masts. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with this approach.
SC8 Siting of new school buildings.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy identifies how proposals for new school buildings will be considered.
		Policies in the ENP would not conflict with this approach.
SC9 Conversion of premises to residential	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the conversion of premises to residential homes.
homes		Policies in the ENP would not conflict with this approach.
SC10 Siting of local community health	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy supports the provision of local community health facilities in towns
services.		and village. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with this approach.
SC11 Accommodation for voluntary	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy supports the conversion of redundant public buildings for use by
organisations.		voluntary organisations for community facilities. Policies in the ENP would not conflict with
		this approach.

#### 4. Compatibility with European Union Obligations and Human Rights

#### **Environmental Impact and Habitat Regulations**

- 4.1 Section 4B 8 (2)(f) states that a draft Neighbourhood Plan will meet the basic conditions if, the making of the Neighbourhood Plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with EU obligations and the making of the neighbourhood plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.
- 4.2 European Union Directive 2001/42/EC requires a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to be undertaken for certain types of plan or programmes that would have a significant environmental effect. The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (the Regulations) that this is to be determined by a screening process which should use a specified set of criteria (set out in Schedule 1 of the Regulations). The results of this process must be set out in a SEA Screening Statement, which must be publicly available
- 4.3 In accordance with Regulation 9 of the Regulations, Elmswell Parish Council requested Mid Suffolk District Council, as the responsible body, to consider whether an environmental assessment of the emerging Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan was required. The <u>SEA screening</u> concluded an SEA would not be required. In terms of HRA <u>the screening</u> concluded that further assessment was not required.
- 4.4 In line with Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) these documents are also submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council alongside the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

#### Human rights and equality impact assessment

- 4.5 The overall purpose of the Neighbourhood Development Plan is to improve the quality of life for people living and working now and in the future in the parish from an environmental, social and economic point of view. The aims and policies in the Neighbourhood Plan have been formulated in response to local people's views and in the light of evidence gathered for the parish, in order to meets the needs expressed and address the issues identified. In order to confirm that the ENP does not have any unintended consequences for particular groups the strategic aims and the policies in the Plan have been systematically scrutinised to ensure that they do not disadvantage any potentially vulnerable groups. The Equality Act 2010 places a duty on all public authorities in the exercise of their functions to have regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, to advance equality of opportunity, and to foster good relations between persons who have a "protected characteristic" and those who do not. "Protected characteristics" are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.
- 4.6 This section assesses the Submission Draft of the ENP to ensure that Elmswell Parish Council, as the "qualifying body", is satisfying its statutory duties in this regard. An assessment has been made on whether the objectives and the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan have a positive, negative or neutral impact on each of the protected characteristics. The purpose of each of the objective and the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan are provided, and their likely impact on persons with protected characteristics is assessed.

Impact of Elmswell Neighbourhood Development Plan Policies on Persons with Protected Characteristics

Policy	Purpose	Outcome for persons with certain protected characteristics
ELM 1	To set out the strategy for the location of growth in Elmswell during the plan period.	Broadly positive impact
ELM 2	Protects important views from inappropriate development	Neutral impact
ELM 3	Designates green spaces that meet the NPPF criteria	Broadly positive impact
ELM 4	Seeks to retain existing and provide new amenity, sport and recreational facilities	Broadly positive impact
ELM 5	Sets out provision for the retention and provision of new employment opportunities	Broadly positive impact

4.7 Certain protected characteristics are not affected by the ENP, namely gender reassignment, race, religion, or sexual orientation. For persons with these characteristics, the Plan has a neutral effect. Where policies in the Plan would adversely affect persons with these protected characteristics, they would not be differently affected than persons without these characteristics. For example, if a person with these protected characteristics were disadvantaged by a policy, it would have the same consequence for a person without the protected characteristics were to benefit from a policy, it would have the same thing. Similarly, if a person with one of these protected characteristics were to benefit from a policy, it would have the same benefit for a person without the protected characteristic in the same circumstances.

# APPENDIX A Adopted development plan policies that do not apply to Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan

Provision and Distribution of Housing Supply of Employment Land	This policy was replaced by the Core Strategy Focused Review adopted in 2012 This policy was replaced by the Core Strategy Focused Review adopted in 2012
Supply of Employment Land	
Retail Provision	The policy covers the identified town centres in Mid Suffolk. It does not apply to Elmswell.
uffolk Local Plan 1998 Saved Policies	
irecting new development to existing ments	This is listed as a "saved policy" but has been superseded by the Core Strategy (2008) CS1 and CS2
esign and layout of development	The policy sets out the requirements for new development.
vevelopment Briefs	The policy applies to site allocations in the Local Plan. There are no new sites allocated in the Elmswell NDP area.
nergy and resource conservation	This is listed as a "saved policy" but has been superseded by the Core Strategy (2008) CS3
rotecting gardens and parkland of historic st	There are no such designations in the ENP area
afeguarding the character of conservation	There are no such designations in the ENP area
ontrolling demolition in conservation areas	There are no such designations in the ENP area
Advertisements in conservation areas	There are no such designations in the ENP area
Protecting ancient monuments	There are no such designations in the ENP area
Ensuring archaeological remains are not byed	There are no such designations in the ENP area
ousing development in towns	Not appropriate to the ENP
regular supply of land	This is listed as a "saved policy" but has been superseded by the Core Strategy Focused Review (2012) FC2
The effects of severance upon existing farms.	No specific policies apply and the ENP does not cover these details.
Siting and design of agricultural buildings.	No specific policies apply and the ENP does not cover these details.
Jse of materials for agricultural buildings and ures	No specific policies apply and the ENP does not cover these details.
ivestock buildings and related development.	No specific policies apply and the ENP does not cover these details.
Central grain stores, feed mills and other bulk e buildings.	No specific policies apply and the ENP does not cover these details.
Principles for farm diversification.	No specific policies apply and the ENP does not cover these details.
Changes of use for agricultural and other rural ngs to non-residential uses.	No specific policies apply and the ENP does not cover these details.
Farm shops.	No specific policies apply and the ENP does not cover these

	details.
CL20 Garden centres.	No specific policies apply and the ENP does not cover these details.
CL21 Facilities for horse riding.	No specific policies apply and the ENP does not cover these details.
CL23 After use of sites following mineral extraction.	There are no mineral extraction sites in the ENP area
S4 Avoiding the loss of residential accommodation.	Policy applies to principal shopping areas.
S6 Provision of office accommodation.	Policy applies to principal shopping areas.
T2 Minor highway improvements	The local plan policy notes that regard will be had to the content of schemes in the annual Transport Policies and Programme (TPP). The TPP is no longer published by highway authorities and therefore this policy is not relevant.
T5 Financial contributions to B1115 relief road.	Policy does not apply to ENP area
T8 Lorry parking facilities in towns	The policy does not apply to Elmswell.
RT13 Water-based recreation.	The policy does not apply to Elmswell
RT15 Safeguarding arts and entertainments venues.	The policy does not apply to Elmswell