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# Otley Parish Neighbourhood Plan

## Addendum to Basic Conditions Statement

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### **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 This Basic Conditions Statement (Addendum) has been produced to accompany the Otley Neighbourhood Plan and the Basic Conditions Statement.
- 1.2 The relevant legal framework for the preparation and making of neighbourhood plans is supported by the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017. Regulations governing the preparation and making of neighbourhood plans were introduced as the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
- 1.3 The Planning Acts require that a Neighbourhood Plan is in general conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Since the preparation of the Basic Conditions Statement, the Government has updated the NPPF.
- 1.4 This addendum statement has been produced to update the Basic Conditions Statement and to ensure compliance with the most up to date version of the NPPF.
- 1.5 This document should be read in conjunction with the Basic Conditions Statement, and the Otley Neighbourhood Plan.

### **2.0 ONHP Policy Numbers vs NPPF Paragraph Numbers**

- 2.1 The amendments to the NPPF have altered a number of the Paragraph Numbers, even if the text has not radically changed. Table 1 has the relevant ONHP Policy number, the relevant paragraph number in the superseded NPPF23, and the relevant paragraph number for the extant NPPF24.

ONHP Policy Number	NPPF23 Paragraph Number	NPPF24 Paragraph Number
<b>ONHP1 – Ecology and Biodiversity</b>	185-188	192-195
<b>ONHP2 – Landscape and Amenity</b>	180-183	187-190
<b>ONHP3 – Conserving the Setting of the Church</b>	195-196, 200-204	202-203, 207-211
<b>ONHP4 – Local Green Space</b>	105-107	106-108
<b>ONHP5 – Sustainable Construction</b>	157-158, 160-164	161-162, 165-169
<b>ONHP6 – Green Gaps</b>	180	187
<b>ONHP7 – Design Quality</b>	131-141	131-141
<b>ONHP8 – Site and Plot Boundaries</b>	131	131
<b>ONHP9 – Digital Infrastructure</b>	118-122	119-123
<b>ONHP10 – Housing Mix</b>	63-65	63-65
<b>ONHP11 – Land adjacent to Swiss Cottage Farm</b>	70-71, 74, 82-83, 123-127	73-74, 77, 82-83, 124-128
<b>ONHP12 – Business and Commercial</b>	85-89	85-89
<b>ONHP13 – Transport and Traffic</b>	108-113	109-114
<b>ONHP14 – Parking Provision</b>	111-113	112-114
<b>ONHP15 – Further Education</b>	100	100-101
<b>ONHP16 – Community Services</b>	97, 99-100	98, 100-101

2.2 Comparisons of the relevant paragraphs identifies that a number of paragraphs are entirely or effectively identical between NPPF23 and NPPF24.

- 2.3 In relation to Policy ONHP4 – Local Green Space, the revisions to the NPPF24 make clear that the relevant Green Belt policies that protect designated Local Green Space are those consistent with national policy set out in the NPPF at Chapter 13. It also exempts provisions relating to Grey Belt and Previously Developed Land. This clarification is useful, as the Strategic Planning Policies make no reference to Green Belt (there being no Green Belt within the local planning authority area).
- 2.4 The revisions to Chapter 14 of the NPPF strengthen the support for the policies contained in Policy ONHP5 – Sustainable Construction, by referencing a need for the planning system to support a transition to Net Zero by 2050, rather than merely a “low carbon” future. It also expands the relevant climate impacts that should be taken into account, to include overheating, water scarcity, storm and flood risks, and coastal change.
- 2.5 Paragraph 161 of the NPPF23 is deleted in its entirety, while altering the layout and numbering of subsequent paragraphs. This should have limited impact on Policy ONHP5 – Sustainable Construction.
- 2.6 Changes made to Paragraph 180 of the NPPF23, now 187 in NPPF24, are *de minimis* in terms of impact on Policy ONHP6 – Green Gaps. It is not considered that these changes will make any alteration to the conformity of the policy with the NPPF.
- 2.7 The alterations to Paragraph 108 of the NPPF23 (now 109 in NPPF24) relate to decision making and early engagement, rather than planning policy. As a result, it is not considered that these changes will make any alteration to the conformity of Policy ONHP13 – Transport and Traffic.
- 2.8 The alterations to Chapter 8 of the NPPF broaden support for further education colleges, giving great weight to the need to create, expand or alter post-16 facilities through the preparation of plans and decisions on applications. While implied by Paragraph 99 NPPF23, it is now explicitly set out in NPPF24 that planning policy should consider FE colleges as well as schools. It is not anticipated that this alters the general conformity of Policy ONHP15 – Further Education with the NPPF.
- 2.9 Likewise, the alterations make no practical difference to the conformity of Policy ONHP16 – Community Services with the NPPF.
- 2.10 None of the other paragraphs of the NPPF which have changed have any impact on the functioning of the policies of the ONHP, either individually, or as a plan taken together.

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- 2.11 None of the policies not mentioned in this section have been impacted by alterations to the wording of relevant paragraphs of the NPPF.

**3.0 Conclusions**

- 3.1 In conclusion, the alterations to the NPPF do not make a material difference to the compliance of the Otley Neighbourhood Plan with the Basic Conditions as set out in legislation.
- 3.2 There is, consequently, no need to revisit the conclusions reached in the original Basic Conditions Statement.