Appendix E: Local Plan Screening to inform the Test of Likely Significance

The Local Plan polices have been screened using the DTA HRA pre-screening categories[[1]](#footnote-1) presented in Table 4.1 of the main report.

Chapter 1

| Policy Name  | Summary of policy and identification of LSEs  | Screening Conclusion  |
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| Chapter 1 | This chapter provides administrative text and background to the Local Plan. | Screen out Administrative text. |

Chapter 2

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| Policy Name  | Summary of policy and identification of LSEs  | Screening Conclusion  |
| A Vision for Ashfield  | The vision provides a general statement of policy / general aspirations for Ashfield over the Plan period.  | Screen out Category A  |
| Strategic Objectives  | Strategic objectives central to achieving the delivery of the vision for Ashfield centred around the community, the economy and the environment. These are general aspirations for the Plan. | Screen out Category A  |

Chapter 3: Ashfield Local Plan Strategy

| Policy Name  | Summary of policy and identification of LSEs  | Screening Conclusion  |
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| Strategic Policy S1: Spatial Strategy to Deliver the Vision | This policy sets out how sustainable growth will deliver the vision including a settlement hierarchy. It sets out the distribution of housing coming forward in each settlement area over the plan period. Development within the Plan area (from the Local Plan alone and the Local Plan in-combination with development in neighbouring local plan areas (see Appendix A) has the potential cumulatively to result in the following LSEs: * Air quality (in-combination LSEs on the Sherwood Forest ppSPA);
* Water quality (in-combination LSEs on the Humber Estuary SAC, SPA and Ramsar);
* Habitat loss / fragmentation (alone LSEs on the Sherwood Forest ppSPA); and
* Public access and disturbance (in-combination LSEs on the South Pennine Moors SAC, Peak District (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA and Sherwood Forest ppSPA).
 | Screen in.Category I and L |
| Strategic Policy S2: Achieving Sustainable Development  | This policy sets out strategic criteria for testing the sustainability of proposals. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category B |
| Strategic Policy S3: Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change  | This policy sets out strategic criteria for testing the ability of proposals to address climate change issues. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category B |
| Strategic Policy S4: Green Belt  | This policy protects the Green Belt against inappropriate development. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category F |
| Strategic Policy S5: High Quality Buildings and Places through Place Making and Design  | This strategic policy sets out the principles for high quality design. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category B |
| Strategic Policy S6: Meeting Future Needs Strategic Employment Allocation Junction 27, M1 Motorway, Annesley  | This policy allocates strategic employment land at Junction 27 of the M1, with 20.47ha allocated to the north east of the junction and 25ha to the south east of the junction. This allocation is not located within 400m of the ppSPA boundary and comprises agricultural fields bound by hedgerows.Development at this location (and also from Local Plan development cumulatively and in-combination with development in neighbouring local plan areas (see Appendix A)) has the potential to result in the following LSEs: * Air quality (in-combination LSEs on the Sherwood Forest ppSPA); and
* Water quality (in-combination LSEs on the Humber Estuary SAC, SPA and Ramsar).
 | Screen in.Category I and L  |
| Strategic Policy S7: Meeting Future Housing Provision  | This policy sets out housing which will delivered over the Local Plan period. Development within the Plan area (from the Local Plan alone and the Local Plan in-combination with development in neighbouring local plan areas (see Appendix A) has the potential cumulatively to result in the following LSEs: * Air quality (in-combination LSEs on the Sherwood Forest ppSPA);
* Water quality (in-combination LSEs on the Humber Estuary SAC, SPA and Ramsar);
* Habitat loss / fragmentation (alone LSEs on the Sherwood Forest ppSPA); and
* Public access and disturbance (in-combination LSEs on the South Pennine Moors SAC, Peak District (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA and Sherwood Forest ppSPA).
 | Screen in.Category I and L |
| Strategic Policy S8: Delivering Economic Opportunities  | This policy sets out employment opportunities which will be delivered over the Local Plan period. Development within the Plan area (from the Local Plan alone and the Local Plan in-combination with development in neighbouring local plan areas (see Appendix A) has the potential cumulatively to result in the following LSEs: * Air quality (in-combination LSEs on Sherwood Forest ppSPA);
* Water quality (in-combination LSEs on the Humber Estuary SAC, SPA and Ramsar); and
* Habitat loss / fragmentation (alone LSEs on the Sherwood Forest ppSPA).
 | Screen in.Category I and L |
| Strategic Policy S9: Aligning Growth and Infrastructure  | This policy sets out priorities for infrastructure delivery over the Plan period. The policy does not allocate any infrastructure projects specifically. This policy in isolation will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category F |
| Strategic Policy S10: Improving Transport Infrastructure  | This policy sets out transport infrastructure which will be supported by the Council and land which will be safeguarded over the Plan period. The policy does not allocate any transport projects specifically. This policy in isolation will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category F |
| Strategic Policy S11: Vibrant Town Centres  | This policy sets out main town centre uses, the extent of town centre and primary shopping areas and the retail hierarchy. The policy points to town centre masterplan key opportunity development sites (as shown on the policy maps). Development within the Plan area (from the Local Plan alone and the Local Plan in-combination with development in neighbouring local plan areas (see Appendix A) has the potential cumulatively to result in the following LSEs: * Air quality (in-combination LSEs on Sherwood Forest ppSPA);
* Water quality (in-combination LSEs on the Humber Estuary SAC, SPA and Ramsar); and
* Habitat loss / fragmentation (alone LSEs on the Sherwood Forest ppSPA).
 | Screen in.Category I and L |
| Strategic Policy S12: Tackling Health Inequalities and Facilitating Healthier Lifestyles  | This policy sets out ways in which development can help to tackle health inequalities and facilitate healthier lifestyles. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category F |
| Strategic Policy S13: Protecting and Enhancing Our Green Infrastructure and the Natural Environment  | This policy sets out ways in which development must protect and enhance GI and the natural environment. It is a plan-wide environmental protection policy and will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category D |
| Strategic Policy S14: Conserving and Enhancing Our Historic Environment  | This policy sets out ways in which development must conserve and enhance the historic environment. It is a plan-wide environmental protection policy and will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category D |
| Strategic Policy S15: Safeguarding Mineral resources  | This policy sets out ways in which mineral resources will be safeguarded. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category F |

Chapter 4: Meeting the challenge of climate change and adapt to its effects

| Policy Name  | Summary of policy and identification of LSEs  | Screening Conclusion  |
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| Policy CC1: Zero and Low Carbon Developments and Decentralised, Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Generation  | This policy sets out how development proposals should achieve zero and low carbon development. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category F |
| Policy CC2: Water Resource Management  | This policy sets out the requirements for development proposals to ensure there is an adequate supply of water, appropriate sewerage and surface water infrastructure and there is sufficient sewage treatment capacity to ensure that there is no deterioration of water quality (taking into consider the objectives of the WFD). It also sets out water efficiency standards which new development must achieve. It is a plan-wide environmental protection policy and will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category D |
| Policy CC3: Flood Risk and Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDs)  | This policy sets out the requirements for development proposals in terms of flood risk and incorporation of SuDS. It also sets out water efficiency standards which new development must achieve. It is a plan-wide environmental protection policy and will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category D |

Chapter 5: Protecting and enhancing Ashfield’s character through its natural environment and heritage

| Policy Name  | Summary of policy and identification of LSEs  | Screening Conclusion  |
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| Policy EV1: Green Belt  | This policy aims to protect the Green Belt from inappropriate development. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category F |
| Policy EV2: Countryside  | This policy aims to protect the countryside from inappropriate development. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category F |
| Policy EV3: Re-use of Buildings in the Green Belt and Countryside  | This policy sets out where the re-use of buildings in the Green Belt and countryside will be supported. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category F |
| Policy EV4: Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Geodiversity  | This policy aims to deliver, conserve and enhance GI. It contains case-specific policy wording intended to avoid or reduce harmful effects on the ppSPA. | Screen in Category M |
| Policy EV5: Protection of Green Spaces and Recreation Facilities  | This policy aims to protect green spaces and recreational facilities. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category F |
| Policy EV6: Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows  | This policy is intended to protect the natural environment, including biodiversity, by minimising the loss of trees, woodlands and hedgerows where development is proposed. It is a plan-wide environmental protection policy and will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category D |
| Policy EV7: Provision and Protection of Allotments  | This policy aims to protect existing allotments and provide new allotments in order to meet a locally identified need. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category F |
| Policy EV8: Agricultural Land Quality  | This policy is intended to protect the best and most versatile agricultural land. It is a plan-wide environmental protection policy and will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category D |
| Policy EV9: The Historic Environment  | This policy aims to protect, conserve and, where appropriate, enhance the historic environment. It is a plan-wide environmental protection policy and will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category D |
| Policy EV10: Protection and Enhancement of Landscape Character  | This policy is intended to conserve and enhance the district’s unique landscape character. It is a plan-wide environmental protection policy and will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category D |

Chapter 6: Meeting local housing needs and aspirations

| Policy Name  | Summary of policy and identification of LSEs  | Screening Conclusion  |
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| Policy H1: Housing Allocations  | Policy H1 allocates large housing sites (those capable of accommodating ten or more dwellings) which will contribute towards providing the assessed housing need identified in Strategic Policy S1. Each allocation is screened individually in Appendix F. Development within the Plan area (from the Local Plan alone and the Local Plan in-combination with development in neighbouring local plan areas (see Appendix A) has the potential cumulatively to result in the following LSEs: * Air quality (in-combination LSEs on the Sherwood Forest ppSPA);
* Water quality (in-combination LSEs on the Humber Estuary SAC, SPA and Ramsar);
* Habitat loss / fragmentation (alone LSEs on the Sherwood Forest ppSPA); and
* Public access and disturbance (in-combination LSEs on the South Pennine Moors SAC, Peak District (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA and Sherwood Forest ppSPA).
 | Screen in Category I and L |
| Policy H2: Provision for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople  | This policy will be used to determine planning applications for traveller pitches/sites and Showpeople’s Plots/yards and also sets out criteria to guide the process of future site identification. This policy does not allocate sites itself, rather setting out criteria for selection. It will therefore not lead to development or any change itself which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category F |
| Policy H2a: Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations  | Policy H2a allocates sites for use by the Travelling showperson community which will contribute towards providing the assessed need identified in Strategic Policy S1. Each allocation is screened individually in Appendix F. Development within the Plan area (from the Local Plan alone and the Local Plan in-combination with development in neighbouring local plan areas (see Appendix A) has the potential cumulatively to result in the following LSEs: * Air quality (in-combination LSEs on the Sherwood Forest ppSPA);
* Water quality (in-combination LSEs on the Humber Estuary SAC, SPA and Ramsar);
* Habitat loss / fragmentation (alone LSEs on the Sherwood Forest ppSPA); and
* Public access and disturbance (in-combination LSEs on the South Pennine Moors SAC, Peak District (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) SPA and Sherwood Forest ppSPA).
 | Screen in Category I and L |
| Policy H3: Affordable Housing  | This policy sets out requirements around affordable housing mix. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA. | Screen out Category F |
| Policy H4: Rural Exceptions Sites  | This policy sets out criteria for rural exceptions sites. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA. | Screen out Category F |
| Policy H5: Public Open Space in New Residential Developments  | This policy requires new residential developments to contribute to green open space provision. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA. | Screen out Category F |
| Policy H6: Housing Mix  | This policy sets out requirements around housing mix. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA. | Screen out Category F |
| Policy H7 Housing Density  | This policy sets out requirements around housing density. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA. | Screen out Category F |
| Policy H8: Houses in Multiple Occupation, Flats and Bedsits  | This policy sets out requirements around houses in multiple occupation, flats and bedsits. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA. | Screen out Category F |

Chapter 7: Building a strong economy which provides opportunities for local people

| Policy Name  | Summary of policy and identification of LSEs  | Screening Conclusion  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Policy EM1: Business and Economic Development  | This policy sets out business and economic development which will be supported by the Council. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA | Screen out Category F |
| Policy EM2: Employment Land Allocations  | This policy sets out employment land allocations. Each allocation is screened individually in Appendix F. Development within the Plan area (from the Local Plan alone and the Local Plan in-combination with development in neighbouring local plan areas (see Appendix A) has the potential cumulatively to result in the following LSEs: * Air quality (in-combination LSEs on the Sherwood Forest ppSPA);
* Water quality (in-combination LSEs on the Humber Estuary SAC, SPA and Ramsar); and
* Habitat loss / fragmentation (alone LSEs on the Sherwood Forest ppSPA).
 | Screen out Category I and L |
| Policy EM3: Retention of Employment Sites and Allocations  | This policy sets out the Councils approach to loss of allocated employment sites. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA. | Screen out Category F |
| Policy EM4: Rural Development  | This policy sets out types of rural development the Council will support. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA. | Screen out Category F |
| Policy EM5: Education, Skills and Training  | This policy sets out types of development that contributes to education, skills and training which the Council will support. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA. | Screen out Category F |

Chapter 8: Placing vibrant town and local centres at the heart of the community

| Policy Name  | Summary of policy and identification of LSEs  | Screening Conclusion  |
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| Policy SH1: Retail, Leisure, Commercial and Town Centre Uses  | This policy sets out types of retail, leisure, commercial and town centre development the Council will support in the town centres. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA. | Screen out Category F |
| Policy SH2: Local Shopping Centres, Shopping Parades and Single Shops  | This policy sets out the local shopping Centres, Shopping Parades and Single Shops and development it will support within these. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA. | Screen out Category F |
| Policy SH3: Shopfronts  | This policy sets out requirements in relation to shopfronts. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA. | Screen out Category F |

Chapter 9: Achieving successful development through well designed places

| Policy Name  | Summary of policy and identification of LSEs  | Screening Conclusion  |
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| Policy SD1: Social Value  | This policy sets out the Council’s requirements for development to maximise social value. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA. | Screen out Category F |
| Policy SD2: Good Design Considerations for Development  | This policy requires all new development to be of a high-quality sustainable design that ensures attractive, usable and durable places which help deliver economic and social prosperity. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA. | Screen out Category F |
| Policy SD3: Amenity  | This policy aims to protect and enhance amenity. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA. | Screen out Category F |
| Policy SD4: Recycling and Refuse Provision in New Development  | This policy sets out the criteria for the provision and location of recycling and refuse provision in new developments. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA. | Screen out Category F |
| Policy SD5: Developer Contributions  | This policy sets out infrastructure towards which developer contributions will be sought. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA. | Screen out Category F |
| Policy SD6: Assessing Development Viability and Development Demand  | This policy sets out the Council’s requirements around assessing development viability and development demand. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA. | Screen out Category F |
| Policy SD7: Communications Infrastructure  | This policy sets out the Council’s requirements in relation to communications infrastructure for new development. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA. | Screen out Category F |
| Policy SD8: Contaminated Land and Unstable Land  | This policy sets out contaminated land and unstable land requirements for new development. It is a plan-wide environmental protection policy and will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category D |
| Policy SD9: Environmental Protection  | This policy sets out environmental protection requirements for new development – specifically in relation to noise, lighting, air quality and soils. It is a plan-wide environmental protection policy and will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category D |
| Policy SD10: Transport Infrastructure  | This policy sets out criteria for consideration of transport infrastructure in new development – in particular in relation to active and sustainable forms of transport – and requirements for Transport Assessments. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category F |
| Policy SD11: Parking  | This policy sets out criteria for parking in new development. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category F |
| Policy SD12: Advertisements  | This policy sets out criteria for advertisements. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category F |
| Policy SD13: Provision and Protection of Health and Community Facilities  | This policy sets out criteria for the provision and protection of heath and community facilities. It will not lead to development or any change which may have a LSE on any Habitats site or the ppSPA.  | Screen out Category F |

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