



Tasley Neighbourhood Plan 2026 - 2045

Basic Conditions Statement



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1. Introduction

- 1.1 [Planning Practice Guidance \(Paragraph: 065 Reference ID: 41-065-20140306\)](#) sets out that only a draft Neighbourhood Plan that meets each of a set of basic conditions can be put to a referendum and be made. The basic conditions are set out in [paragraph 8\(2\) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990](#) as applied to neighbourhood plans by section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The basic conditions are:
- a. having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State it is appropriate to make the order (or neighbourhood plan).
 - b. having special regard to the desirability of preserving any listed building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest that it possesses, it is appropriate to make the order. This applies only to Orders.
 - c. having special regard to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of any conservation area, it is appropriate to make the order. This applies only to Orders.
 - d. the making of the order (or neighbourhood plan) contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.
 - e. the making of the order (or neighbourhood plan) is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area).
 - f. the making of the order (or neighbourhood plan) does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations under retained EU law¹.
 - g. prescribed conditions are met in relation to the Order (or plan) and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the order (or neighbourhood plan).
- 1.2 Regulation 32 of the 2012 Regulations prescribes a further Basic Condition for a neighbourhood plan. This requires that 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 2017².
- 1.3 This Basic Conditions Statement sets out how Tasley Neighbourhood Plan (TNP) has been prepared to meet the basic conditions. It has been prepared as a supporting document for consideration by the NDP independent Examiner.

¹ The existing body of environmental regulation is retained in UK law

² This revised Basic Condition came into effect by virtue of the Conservation of Habitats and Species and Planning (Various Amendments) (England and Wales) Regulations 2018.

2. Legal Requirements

2.1 The Submission Plan is being submitted by a qualifying body

The Submission Plan is being submitted by a qualifying body, namely Tasley Parish Council.

2.2 What is being proposed is a neighbourhood development plan

The plan being proposed relates to planning matters (the use and development of land) and has been prepared in accordance with the statutory requirements and processes set out in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012).

2.3 The proposed Neighbourhood Plan states the period for which it is to have effect

The proposed Neighbourhood Plan states the period for which it is to have effect. That period is from 2026 to 2045 (from the current year and referring to the same period as the new emerging Shropshire Local Plan 2025 – 2045).

2.4 The policies do not relate to excluded development

The Neighbourhood Plan proposal does not deal with county matters (mineral extraction and waste development), nationally significant infrastructure or any other matters set out in Section 61K of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

2.5 The proposed Neighbourhood Plan does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area and there are no other neighbourhood development plans in place within the neighbourhood area.

The Neighbourhood Plan proposal relates to the designated Tasley Neighbourhood Plan Area and to no other area. There are no other Neighbourhood Plans relating to that neighbourhood area. The Designated Neighbourhood Plan Area has the same boundary as that of the Parish at the time of the designation and is shown on Map 1 in TNP.

3. Basic Conditions

- a) Having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the plan.

3.1 Tasley Neighbourhood Development Plan (TNP) has been prepared having appropriate regard to the policies set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), updated 12th December 2024³. Note - only those policies and sections in the NPPF that are relevant to the NDP are addressed below. A new draft NPPF was published in December 2025 but this is currently published for consultation and has not yet been finalised as Government policy. Therefore TNP has been prepared to have regard to the 2024 NPPF.

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3.2 Paragraph 1 of the NPPF explains that *'The National Planning Policy Framework sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these should be applied.'* Paragraph 7 sets out that *'The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development, including the provision of homes, commercial development and supporting infrastructure in a sustainable manner. At a very high level, the objective of sustainable development can be summarised as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. At a similarly high level, members of the United Nations – including the United Kingdom – have agreed to pursue the 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development in the period to 2030. These address social progress, economic well-being and environmental protection.'*

2.3 The planning system has 3 overarching objectives to achieve sustainable development (paragraph 8): an economic objective, a social objective and an environmental objective. These objectives should be delivered through the preparation and implementation of plans (paragraph 9). TNP includes various policies which, together, should deliver sustainable development.

Table 1 sets out how TNP delivers the 3 overarching Objectives.

³ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

Table 1 Delivering Sustainable Development

NPPF Overarching Objectives	TNP
<p><i>a) an economic objective –</i></p> <p><i>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;</i></p>	<p>Tasley is located on the edge of the attractive Shropshire market town of Bridgnorth. In addition to several farms, it has a small industrial estate at Bridgnorth livestock market. TNP recognises that the area is likely to see significant economic growth and investment over the plan period and sets out a positive local planning framework to support appropriate employment development in the area. TNP also contains proposals for improving local infrastructure to help ensure existing and future residents are able to access employment within Tasley and nearby Bridgnorth as well as further afield.</p> <p>Objective 2 is to ensure good links within the parish and with adjoining communities through provision of new and improved pedestrian, cycle and public transport links. This will be delivered through TNP Policies TNP1 Footpaths and Cycle Paths and TNP3 Green Infrastructure Improvements.</p> <p>Objective 6 is to provide facilities, services and opportunities that promote health and wellbeing to enable local people to thrive and our communities to flourish. This will be delivered through various Policies including TNP10 Employment Development which supports sustainable local employment opportunities in Tasley which are accessible by walking and cycling.</p>
<p><i>b) a social objective -</i></p> <p><i>to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by ensuring that a sufficient number and range of homes can be</i></p>	<p>TNP has a strong focus on social sustainability and addresses local planning issues which have been identified through extensive community consultation and engagement at all stages. The Plan refers</p>

<p><i>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</i></p>	<p>to the TCPA's set of Garden City Principles and has adapted them to provide a strategy which supports sustainable communities in the neighbourhood area. This means that future major new development proposals should be properly connected to and embedded within the Parish and existing community and will be of a high-quality design.</p> <p>Overall Objective 1 is to ensure that development in our area maximises benefits for and minimises impacts upon existing and future residents and landowners, businesses and communities, and the environment. This will be delivered through all TNP policies and the Community Aspirations and Parish Council Actions set out in Appendix 1.</p> <p>Objective 2 is to ensure good links within the parish and with adjoining communities through provision of new and improved pedestrian, cycle and public transport links. This will be delivered through TNP Policies TNP1 Footpaths and Cycle Paths and TNP3 Green Infrastructure Improvements.</p> <p>Objective 6: is to provide facilities, services and opportunities that promote health and wellbeing to enable local people to thrive and our communities to flourish. This will be delivered through various TNP Policies.</p> <p>Objective 7 is to ensure that housing developments in our area take account of local needs in terms of dwelling mix and affordability across all groups. This will be delivered through Policy TNP9 Residential Mix.</p> <p>TNP therefore contains a suite of policies and proposals which together should help to deliver healthy communities and well-</p>
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	designed spaces living in good quality and suitable housing.
<p><i>c) an environmental objective –</i> <i>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.</i></p>	<p>TNP has a strong focus on the protection and enhancement of the natural and built environment. TNP recognises the area’s built heritage assets including listed buildings and identifies and describes several NdHAs. The neighbourhood plan is underpinned by Tasley Design Guide and Codes which was commissioned to provide more detailed advice on design, and which is referred to in TNP policies. Natural heritage assets also are noted, and TNP policies should help to protect and enhance local landscape character and wildlife.</p> <p>Objective 3 is to protect and enhance the openness and rural character of the area in terms of green space protection, access to countryside, and rural setting. This will be delivered through TNP Policies TNP1 Footpaths and Cycle Paths, TNP2 Local Green Spaces and TNP3 Green Infrastructure Improvements.</p> <p>Objective 4 is to protect and enhance heritage assets. This will be delivered through the identification of candidate Non-designated Heritage Assets.</p> <p>Objective 5 is to protect and enhance the local character of our village and surrounding countryside. This will be delivered through Policy TNP4 Respecting Local Character and Delivering High Quality Contemporary Design, TNP5 New Cemetery and Tasley Design Guide and Codes.</p> <p>Objective 8 is to encourage standards of sustainable design that are above the minimum requirements to minimise impacts on the environment. This will be delivered through Policy TNP4, TNP5 and Tasley Design Guide and Codes.</p>

	<p>Objective 9 is to avoid over-intensification of housing and other built development in what is essentially a rural parish.</p> <p>This will be delivered through TNP Policies TNP1, TNP2, TNP3, TNP4, TNP5 and Tasley Design Guide and Codes.</p>
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2.4 The presumption in favour of sustainable development is explained in relation to plan making in NPPF paragraph 11: *‘ Plans and decisions should apply a presumption in favour of sustainable development.*

For plan-making this means that:

a) all plans should promote a sustainable pattern of development that seeks to: meet the development needs of their area; align growth and infrastructure; improve the environment; mitigate climate change (including by making effective use of land in urban areas) and adapt to its effects;’

2.5 TNP includes a suite of local policies which should together help to ensure development meets the needs of the local area, aligns infrastructure improvements, improves the environment, mitigates climate change and adapts to its effects.

2.6 Paragraph 13 explains that ‘The application of the presumption has implications for the way communities engage in neighbourhood planning. Neighbourhood plans should support the delivery of strategic policies contained in local plans or spatial development strategies; and should shape and direct development that is outside of these strategic policies.’

2.7 TNP has been prepared to support the delivery of strategic policies set out in Shropshire Council’s Adopted Core Strategy 2010 - 2020. It also refers to the relevant policies and site allocations in Shropshire Council’s Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev) Plan up to 2026.

2.8 In **Section 3 Plan Making**, NPPF paragraph 16 sets out 6 principles that plans should address. Table 2 sets out how TNP addresses each of these in turn.

Table 2 Plan Making

NPPF Plan Making Plans should:	Tasley Neighbourhood Plan
<i>a) be prepared with the objective of contributing to the achievement of sustainable development</i>	TNP has been prepared to contribute to sustainable development; NDP policies support appropriate housing and economic development which respect the natural environment and built character of the neighbourhood area. Table 1 above sets out how the Plan's objectives, policies and proposals address economic, social and environmental objectives.
<i>b) be prepared positively, in a way that is aspirational but deliverable;</i>	<p>TNP has been prepared positively, with policies that are aspirational and deliverable. Policies promote high quality, sensitive and sustainable designs which apply principles set out in local design guidelines and codes.</p> <p>TNP policies have been informed by community engagement and updated taking into account advice and comments from officers at Shropshire Council and independent planning consultants who were engaged by the Parish Council.</p>
<i>c) be shaped by early, proportionate and effective engagement between plan-makers and communities, local organisations, businesses, infrastructure providers and operators and statutory consultees.</i>	<p>The work on TNP has been led by a Steering Group of local residents and parish councillors.</p> <p>The accompanying Consultation Statement sets out the details of the various community consultation and engagement activities which have been undertaken at all stages of the Plan's preparation. Briefly these have included:</p> <p>A community meeting, held in the Village Hall on 24th January 2023 to set up a Steering Group of parish councillors and local residents to oversee the preparation of the plan.</p> <p>Informal community consultation with a questionnaire survey for 6 weeks from early January to mid-February 2024.</p> <p>Publication of the emerging Draft TNP and design codes for informal consultation from 7th March 2025 until 18th April 2025.</p> <p>Regulation 14 formal consultation from Monday 13th October until Friday 28th November 2025.</p> <p>The TNP website has a link from the parish council website and newsletters have kept local stakeholders and residents up to date with the plan's progress.</p>

<i>d) contain policies that are clearly written and unambiguous, so it is evident how a decision maker should react to development proposals</i>	The NDP policies and proposals have been prepared by the Steering Group, with support from a planning consultant and advice from officers at Shropshire Council. Amendments have been made through the process in response to suggestions provided during the public consultation processes. It is understood that the Examiner is likely to recommend further changes to wording following the examination process.
<i>e) be accessible through the use of digital tools to assist public involvement and policy presentation; and</i>	All relevant documents have been provided on the website throughout the Plan's preparation. The website has been kept up to date to include all documents from each stage prior to submission. Consultations have invited responses using an online response form.
<i>f) serve a clear purpose, avoiding unnecessary duplication of policies that apply to a particular area (including policies in this Framework, where relevant).</i>	TNP has been amended and updated throughout its preparation to reduce duplication with Shropshire Council's policies and national policies, whilst retaining a focus on local priorities identified through the various consultations.

- 2.9 **The Plan Making Framework.** Paragraph 18 sets out that 'Policies to address non-strategic matters should be included in local plans that contain both strategic and non-strategic policies, and/or in local or neighbourhood plans that contain just non-strategic policies.' TNP contains non-strategic planning policies and proposals that add local detail and value to strategic policies.
- 2.10 **Non-strategic policies.** Paragraph 30 advises that 'Neighbourhood planning gives communities the power to develop a shared vision for their area. Neighbourhood plans can shape, direct and help to deliver sustainable development, by influencing local planning decisions as part of the statutory development plan. Neighbourhood plans should not promote less development than set out in the strategic policies for the area, or undermine those strategic policies.' When work began on TNP Shropshire Council was at an advanced stage of a Local Plan Review. However, Shropshire Local Plan 2016 to 2038 was withdrawn from examination in early 2025 and Shropshire Council has commenced work on a new Shropshire Local Plan 2026 – 2045. Shropshire's overall housing need has significantly increased as a result of the Government's standard methodology, and the new Local Plan will have to accommodate this uplift. Planning Practice Guidance advises that 'Although a draft neighbourhood plan or Order is not tested against the policies in an emerging local

plan the reasoning and evidence informing the local plan process is likely to be relevant to the consideration of the basic conditions against which a neighbourhood plan is tested' (Paragraph: 009). In line with the guidance TNP Steering Group has worked closely with officers at Shropshire Council so that neighbourhood and local plan policies are complementary and any conflicts are minimised. TNP refers to the relevant Shropshire Council policies at key points in the supporting text. It does not promote less development than the Core Strategy or SAMDev or undermine strategic policies.

- 2.11 **Part 5 Delivering a sufficient supply of homes.** In rural areas, planning policies and decisions should be responsive to local circumstances and support housing developments that reflect local needs (paragraph 82) and to promote sustainable development in rural areas, housing should be located where it will enhance or maintain the vitality of rural communities (paragraph 83). TNP does not include any site allocations for new housing, but it includes positive planning policies to guide development should it come forward over the plan period.
- 2.12 **Part 8 Promoting healthy and safe communities.** Paragraph 96 advises that planning policies should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which promote social interaction with street layouts that allow for easy pedestrian and cycle connections within and between neighbourhoods and are safe and accessible with well-designed, clear and legible pedestrian and cycle routes. Developments should enable and support healthy lives, through safe and accessible green infrastructure, and layouts that encourage walking and cycling. TNP has a strong emphasis on promoting health and wellbeing by protecting and improving local PROW which link across and through the area, including to the open countryside. These policies and proposals also support **NPPF Part 9 Promoting sustainable transport** which **sets** out that plan making should involve identifying and pursuing opportunities to promote walking, cycling and public transport use (paragraph 109 e)).
- 2.13 **Part 12 Achieving well-designed places** supports the preparation of local design codes. Paragraph 132 sets out that 'Neighbourhood planning groups can play an important role in identifying the special qualities of each area and explaining how this should be reflected in development, both through their own plans and by engaging in the production of design policy, guidance and codes by local planning authorities and developers.' Tasley Design Guide and Codes forms Appendix 3 of TNP and is referred to in TNP policies on design.
- 2.14 TNP supports development which meets **the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change (Part 14)**. Tasley Design Guide and Codes and in particular TNP Policies TNP4 and TNP5 promote high quality and sustainable design and set out how landscaping, buildings and surface materials can reduce run off. TNP should help to minimise carbon emissions in travel by supporting walking and cycling in policies and proposals.

- 2.14 **Part 15 Conserving and enhancing the natural environment** paragraph 187 advises that planning policies should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by protecting and enhancing valued landscapes and sites of biodiversity importance. Plans should also recognise the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside. TNP contains policies which require developments to be sensitive to local landscape character and to conserve and enhance biodiversity.
- 2.16 TNP area includes several listed buildings and Non-designated heritage assets, and these are noted in the plan's supporting text. This is in line with NPPF **Part 16 Conserving and enhancing the historic environment** which notes that heritage assets are an irreplaceable resource and should be conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance, so that they can be enjoyed for their contribution to the quality of life of existing and future generations (paragraph 202).
- b) **Having Special Regard to the Desirability of Preserving any Listed Building or its Setting or any Features of Special Architectural or Historic Interest**
- 2.17 TNP notes the listed buildings in the Parish. [Note: this Basic Condition only applies to Neighbourhood Development Orders but has been included for the sake of completeness].
- c) **Having Special Regard to the Desirability of Preserving or Enhancing Character or Appearance of any Conservation Area**
- 2.18 There are no Conservation Areas in Tasley neighbourhood plan area. [Note: this Basic Condition only applies to Neighbourhood Development Orders but has been included for the sake of completeness].
- d) **The making of the order (or neighbourhood plan) contributes to the Achievement of Sustainable Development**
- 2.19 The Submission Neighbourhood Development Plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. This is set out in more detail in Table 1 above in relation to the economic, social and environmental objectives of the NPPF. It supports appropriate new housing development in line with the policies and proposals in the adopted Local Plan and taking into account environmental constraints and opportunities such as landscape and built character, biodiversity and flooding.
- e) **The making of the order (or neighbourhood plan) is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area)**
- 2.20 The Submission Neighbourhood Plan is in general conformity with strategic policies set out in [Shropshire Local Development Framework: Core Strategy Adopted 24th February 2011](#). Table 3 sets out the way that TNP conforms to the relevant strategic planning policies in this development plan.

- 2.21 TNP policies and supporting text also refer, where relevant, to the relevant policies in [Shropshire Council Site Allocations and Management of Development \(SAMDev\) Plan Adopted 17th December 2015](#).

Table 3 General Conformity with Shropshire Council’s Strategic Planning Policies

Tasley Neighbourhood Plan Policies	Shropshire Local Development Framework: Adopted Core Strategy, March 2011 Planning Policies	General Conformity
<p>Policy TNP1 – Footpaths and Cycle Paths Development proposals will be expected to promote and support pedestrian and cycle access to the countryside, and to encourage walking, cycling and active travel as sustainable travel alternatives to private cars. This should be achieved by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Retaining, maintaining and enhancing the existing network of Public Rights of Way within development sites; and 2) Providing accessible and safe connections and linkages from development sites to the existing wider footpath network; and 3) Supporting improvements and extensions to the existing network, particularly through the provision of new off-road or segregated cycle lanes linking to local facilities, the countryside, 	<p>CS3: The Market Towns and Other Key Centres</p> <p>CS6: Sustainable Design and Development Principles</p> <p>CS7: Communications and Transport</p>	<p>Policy TNP1 sets out how development proposals will be expected to promote and support pedestrian and cycle access to the countryside, and encourage walking, cycling and active travel as sustainable travel alternatives by various means.</p> <p>This is in general conformity with strategic Policy CS3 as it contains proposed infrastructure improvements linked to future development sites. Bridgnorth is identified in Policy CS3 as a market town in Eastern Shropshire. The Market Towns will maintain and enhance their roles in providing facilities and services to their rural hinterlands and providing foci for economic development and regeneration. Balanced housing and employment development, of an appropriate scale and design that respects each town’s distinctive character and is supported by improvements in infrastructure, will take place within the towns’ development boundaries and on sites allocated for</p>

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<p>local employment sites and to Bridgnorth town centre.</p> <p>Any development proposals which impact adversely on existing Public Rights of Way will be resisted unless they provide suitable and safe alternative routes which are well lit, overlooked and not enclosed within a narrow corridor bounded by high boundary walls, hedging or fencing. All walking and cycling networks within major development sites should be provided with sufficient lighting and capable of being easily maintained with durable, flat (with no steps) surfacing. Management and maintenance of these networks will be a matter to be managed through legal agreements where they are not to be adopted by Shropshire Council. Pedestrian cul de sacs will not be acceptable unless, exceptionally, development proposals demonstrate that they are absolutely necessary. In those circumstances, schemes will be expected to provide a well-lit, hard-surfaced, flat (with no steps) and safe pedestrian link to</p>		<p>development including 550 new homes and employment development on the Tasley Gateway site (a site allocation in SAMDev).</p> <p>Policy CS 6 advises that development will be designed to a high quality using sustainable design principles, to achieve an inclusive and accessible environment which respects and enhances local distinctiveness, and which mitigates and adapts to climate change. The Policy requires proposals likely to generate significant levels of traffic to be located in accessible locations where opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport can be maximised and the need for car-based travel to be reduced.</p> <p>By encouraging walking and cycling Policy TNP1 supports an inclusive and accessible environment which promotes travel which has lower CO₂ emissions, a greenhouse gas.</p>

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<p>a nearby highway which is a through route where appropriate and where no alternative through routes exist. Management and maintenance will be funded in perpetuity.</p> <p>4) Having regard to Tasley Design Guide and Codes. Where planning permission is required, development will be expected to incorporate the relevant principles for pedestrians, cyclists and other wheeled users as set out in the design codes and guidance in NA5. Movement of Tasley Design Guide and Codes (Appendix 3 of Tasley Neighbourhood Plan). In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals in Code Area 2: Tasley hamlet and Church Lane should use on-plot parking screened from the road by boundary treatments in accordance with 4.3.3 Design codes: Tasley hamlet and Church Lane; • Proposals in Code Area 3: The Leasowes should integrate green 		<p>Policy CS7 sets out that a sustainable pattern of development requires the maintenance and improvement of integrated, accessible, attractive, safe and reliable communication and transport infrastructure and services. This will be achieved by, amongst other things, protecting and enhancing strategic and local cycling, footpath, bridleway and canal networks as local transport routes and for recreation and leisure use. Policy TNP1 sets out how this will be achieved in Tasley.</p>

<p>Tasley Neighbourhood Plan Policies</p>	<p>Shropshire Local Development Framework: Adopted Core Strategy, March 2011 Planning Policies</p>	<p>General Conformity</p>
<p>active travel routes with surrounding development sites as set out in 4.4.2 Design principles;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals in Code Area 4: Outer suburbs should provide a mixture of appropriate parking solutions including on-plot, on street and courtyard according to the parking types in 4.5.3 Design codes: Outer suburbs; • Proposals in Code Area 5: Tasley Gateway Urban Extension should provide a mixture of appropriate parking solutions including on-plot, on street and courtyard according to the parking types in 4.6.3 Design codes: Tasley Gateway urban extension. The settlement edge should include pedestrian connections linking the edge to the open countryside and houses should overlook pedestrian routes to provide natural surveillance; • Proposals in Code Area 6: Tasley Gateway Employment should provide a well-connected area with 		

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<p>clear active travel routes and facilities on site as set out in 4.7.2 Design principles, and provide parking, boundaries and screening in accordance with 4.7.3 Design codes: Tasley Gateway employment; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals in Code Area 7: Rural should retain well maintained and accessible footpaths as set out in 4.7.5 Design principles. 		
<p>Policy TNP2 – Local Green Spaces</p> <p>The following existing open spaces, which are of value to local residents for community use, heritage, wildlife or visual amenity, are designated as Local Green Spaces:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Nature Zone off Clee View Road St Peter and St Paul Church and Grounds Tasley Cemetery 	<p>CS17: Environmental Networks</p>	<p>Policy TNP2 identifies several Local Green Spaces which have significant local value for various reasons.</p> <p>This is in general conformity with Strategic Policy CS17 which sets out that development will identify, protect, enhance, expand and connect Shropshire’s environmental assets, to create a multifunctional network of natural and historic resources by ensuring it protects and enhances the diversity, high quality and local character of Shropshire’s natural, built and historic environment. The Policy</p>

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<p>4) Trinity Wood and Brick Kiln Plantation 5) Wenlock Rise Central Green with Play Area 6) Wenlock Rise Natural Area</p> <p>The six Local Green Spaces are identified on Map 3 Local Green Spaces and the larger scale maps (Maps 6, 7 and 8) provided in Appendix 2.</p>		<p>goes on to say that development will also not have a significant adverse impact on Shropshire’s environmental assets. The Local Green Spaces in Tasley all serve important environmental functions: this includes having recreational and community value as well as supporting wildlife and providing linkages to the countryside.</p>
<p>Policy TNP3 – Green Infrastructure Improvements</p> <p>1) Biodiversity and Wildlife A. All development will be expected to contribute towards the delivery of and protect future opportunities for wildlife and habitat improvements identified within Tasley neighbourhood plan area on Map 9: Tasley Ecological Networks in Appendix 4. B. Where a site includes any high or medium value habitat for wildlife (including those identified within Tasley</p>	<p>CS3: The Market Towns and Other Key Centres</p> <p>CS17: Environmental Networks</p> <p>CS18: Sustainable Water Management</p>	<p>Policy TNP3 provides a local framework for taking a GI approach to development in Tasley. The Policy sets out requirements for development in relation to biodiversity and wildlife and public open space and refers to the relevant parts of Tasley Design Guide and Codes which set out detailed guidance for development. It recognises that Tasley is likely to see significant growth over the plan period due to its location on the edge of Bridgnorth and seeks to ensure that opportunities for GI enhancement are taken.</p>

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<p>neighbourhood plan area on Map 9: Tasley Ecological Networks in Appendix 4), planning applications for development must be accompanied by a robust Shropshire local sites assessment supported by the Shropshire Local Sites Partnership and specifying which parts of the site are worthy of designation for their wildlife or geological value.</p> <p>C. The priority for biodiversity net gain (BNG) secured for developments in the TNP area will be provision on site. Where it is demonstrated that BNG cannot be delivered on site, opportunities should be taken to provide BNG within the TNP area through enhancement of wildlife sites and supporting improved connectivity between habitats (see those identified within Tasley neighbourhood plan area on Map 9: Tasley Ecological Networks in Appendix 4).</p> <p>D. All landscaping schemes should use locally appropriate species in planting schemes. Wherever possible designs should retain existing features or incorporate new features which are</p>		<p>Strategic Policy CS3 sets out that balanced housing and employment development, of an appropriate scale and design that respects each town’s distinctive character and is supported by improvements in infrastructure, will take place within the towns’ development boundaries and on sites allocated for development. Bridgnorth will provide a focus for development within the constraints of its location on the edge of the Green Belt and on the River Severn. The strategic site of Tasley Gateway site is identified in SAMDev.</p> <p>Policy TNP3 is also in general conformity with Strategic Policy CS17 which sets out that development will identify, protect, enhance, expand and connect Shropshire’s environmental assets, to create a multifunctional network of natural and historic resources by ensuring it protects and enhances the diversity, high quality and local character of Shropshire’s natural, built and historic environment. The Policy goes on to say that development will also</p>

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<p>characteristic of the Tasley neighbourhood plan area, and which contribute to local landscape character. Such features include for instance, ponds, streams, natural springs, hedgerows and native trees and woodland.</p> <p>E. Swift bricks should be installed in new developments including extensions, in accordance with best practice guidance such as BS 42021 or CIEEM2 and at a minimum of three swift bricks per dwelling. Artificial nest cups for house martins may be proposed instead of swift bricks if recommended by an ecologist. Existing nest sites for building-dependent species such as swifts and house martins should be protected, to allow for annual return to traditional nest sites in Tasley. Mitigation should be provided if these nest sites cannot be protected.</p> <p>2) Public Open Space</p> <p>A. All new major development will be expected to contribute towards delivery of new and improved public open spaces as set out within Tasley neighbourhood plan</p>		<p>not have a significant adverse impact on Shropshire’s environmental assets and Policy TNP3 identifies various environmental assets and features in the area.</p> <p>Policy TNP3 is in general conformity with strategic Policy CS18: Sustainable Water Management. This sets out that developments will integrate measures for sustainable water management to reduce flood risk, avoid an adverse impact on water quality and quantity within Shropshire, including groundwater resources, and provide opportunities to enhance biodiversity, health and recreation by various means. TNP3 refers to various design codes in Tasley Design Codes and Guidance including those setting out advice related to sustainable drainage and water management.</p>

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<p>area on Map 10: Public Open Space in Appendix 4.</p> <p>B. Major developments should provide or contribute to the provision and delivery of a well-drained allotment site of at least 20 plots, including provision of secure fencing, lockable gates, easily maintained and durable pathways, water supply, parking, community composting and green waste storage areas.</p> <p>C. The play areas to be provided at major developments should provide a range of play equipment designed to meet the needs of pre-school, school age and teenage children, and those with disabilities, in separate areas where appropriate to avoid conflict between different user groups and with fencing / gates and safe surfacing as appropriate.</p> <p>3) Tasley Design Guide and Codes Where planning permission is required, development will be expected to incorporate the relevant principles for nature and green infrastructure as set out in NA6. Nature of Tasley Design Guide and</p>		

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<p>Codes (Appendix 3 of Tasley Neighbourhood Plan). In addition:</p> <p>A. Green infrastructure proposals in Code Area 2: Tasley hamlet and Church Lane should add to the connectivity between settlements and make provision for active travel routes as set out in 4.3.2 Design principles, and use hedgerows, planting, low walls or rural timber fencing in boundary treatments in accordance with 4.3.3 Design codes: Tasley hamlet and Church Lane;</p> <p>B. Proposals in Code Area 3: The Leasowes should protect and enhance landscape character as set out in 4.4.2 Design principles;</p> <p>C. Proposals in Code Area 4: Outer suburbs should retain and enhance spaces for recreation, play and nature as set out in 4.5.2 Design principles, and use hedgerows, mature planting and low walls along main routes and informal low-level planting and changes in materials along access roads in accordance with 4.5.3 Design codes: Outer suburbs;</p>		

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<p>D. Proposals in Code Area 5: Tasley Gateway Urban Extension should provide a strong sense of place that respects landscape character and has a sympathetic landscape edge, blending nature into the development as set out in 4.6.2 Design principles. Boundary treatments should be well defined and use metal railings, hedgerows and informal planting in accordance with 4.6.3 Design codes: Tasley Gateway urban extension;</p> <p>E. Proposals in Code Area 6: Tasley Gateway employment should deliver generous landscaping, sustainable drainage and biodiversity measures as set out in 4.7.2 Design principles and provide streets and green infrastructure and boundaries and screening in accordance with 4.7.3 Design codes: Tasley Gateway employment; and</p> <p>F. Proposals in Code Area 7: Rural should preserve the rural landscape, protect and enhance local landscape features and connect existing areas of green infrastructure with habitats and ecological enhancements as set out in</p>		

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<p>4.7.5 Design principles and apply the desired characteristics for field boundaries, tree placements and tree species in accordance with 4.8.1 Design codes: Small scale rural development.</p>		
<p>Policy TNP4 – Respecting Local Character and Delivering High Quality Contemporary Design</p> <p>New development in Tasley must deliver high quality and sustainable design. To achieve this, development proposals will be expected to demonstrate that the scheme:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Respects the existing character of the parish by providing active frontages to streets and spaces and responding positively to nearby development in terms of density, garden space, enclosure and degree of set-back; 2) Is well integrated with its surroundings by reinforcing existing and creating new connections, whilst respecting local character and appearance; 	<p>CS3: The Market Towns and Other Key Centres</p> <p>CS6: Sustainable Design and Development Principles</p> <p>CS17: Environmental Networks</p>	<p>Policies TNP4 and TNP5 have been prepared to help ensure development proposals in Tasley are of a high-quality design which respects local character. The policies together recognise that Tasley is likely to see significant major development over the plan period in accordance with strategic Policy CS3 which identifies Bridgnorth for growth including on strategic sites. The strategic site of Tasley Gateway site is identified in SAMDev.</p> <p>Policy TNP4 sets out overarching design principles so that development is of high quality and sustainable design and Policy TNP5 links directly to the detailed design codes and guidance for different character areas. The policies add more detail to and are in general conformity with strategic Policy CS6 which sets out how</p>

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<p>3) Provides convenient, level and safe access to community services and facilities;</p> <p>4) Has good access to public transport or otherwise helps reduce car dependency;</p> <p>5) Creates a development with a locally inspired and distinctive character, complementing the existing character and local vernacular;</p> <p>6) Respects and enhances local topography, landscape and water features, trees and plants, wildlife habitats and existing buildings and makes the most of site orientation and microclimate;</p> <p>7) Uses buildings, landscaping, boundary treatments and planting to create attractive streets and spaces;</p> <p>8) Takes advantage of and respects views into and out of sites (see Map 5: Views Plan on p43) in order to make the development easy to access and navigate through;</p> <p>9) Provides streets that encourage low vehicle speeds, and which can</p>		<p>development will be designed to a high quality using sustainable design principles, to achieve an inclusive and accessible environment which respects and enhances local distinctiveness and which mitigates and adapts to climate change. Policy TNP 4 sets out that development should respect and enhance local topography, landscape and water features, trees and plants, wildlife habitats and existing buildings and make the most of site orientation and microclimate, and use landscaping, boundary treatments and planting to create attractive streets and spaces. This will help to identify, protect, enhance, expand and connect Shropshire’s environmental assets, to create a multifunctional network of natural and historic resources in accordance with Strategic Policy CS17. Tasley Design Codes and Guidance as referred to in Policy TNP 5 provide more detailed information about how all this may be achieved in schemes.</p>

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<p>function as safe, walkable social spaces and cycle ways;</p> <p>10) Integrates car parking within buildings and landscaping so that it does not dominate the streets, and ensures where possible that car parking requirements can be accommodated on plot;</p> <p>11) Clearly distinguishes between public and private spaces;</p> <p>12) Provides convenient, well-screened storage space for communal bins, recycling and bicycles where storage facilities are visible from the street scene;</p> <p>13) Is of an appropriate scale, massing and height in relation to the wider location and parish context and new buildings respect the privacy of existing dwellings;</p> <p>14) Includes high quality and recycled materials which complement those used in the surrounding area;</p> <p>15) Does not create unnecessary light pollution by having bright, permanently lit areas at night. Appropriate street lighting will be acceptable where it is designed to minimise light pollution;</p>		

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<p>16) Delivers full fibre optic connections to each property;</p> <p>17) Provides measures of energy use reduction and the use of renewable energy in all new buildings, in accordance with Shropshire Local Plan policies;</p> <p>18) Repurposes existing structurally sound and attractive buildings where possible; and</p> <p>19) Applies the Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) hierarchy and provides for the disposal of surface water to on-site soakaways where possible and uses permeable surfaces in hard landscaped areas and the collection and recycling of rainwater.</p> <p>Policy TNP5 – Tasley Design Guide and Codes</p> <p>New development in Tasley will be expected to have regard to the design principles and codes in Tasley Design Guide and Codes (Appendix 3 of Tasley Neighbourhood Plan). These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA1. The Code Areas; • NA2. Character and Identity; 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA3. Design response; and • NA4. Built form. <p>In addition, where planning permission is required, proposals should incorporate the design principles and codes set out for each of the identified code areas.</p> <p>1) In Code area 2: Tasley hamlet and Church Lane:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development must be rural in character, not suburban and have a lower density. Infill development and self-build plots should follow rural styles as set out in 4.3.2 Design principles; and • Density, block types, plot area range, building heights, setback and building line and building types should be in accordance with 4.3.3 Design codes: Tasley hamlet and Church Lane. <p>2) In Code area 3: The Leasowes, development should protect and enhance historic asserts as set out in 4.4.2 Design principles.</p>		

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<p>3) In Code area 4: Outer suburbs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensions, conversions and alterations should respect the original design style and features of the area, and infill development should be well designed, sympathetic and respond to local character as set out in 4.5.2 Design principles; and • Density, block types, plot area range, building heights, setback and building line and building types should be in accordance with 4.5.3 Design codes: Outer suburbs. <p>4) In Code area 5: Tasley Gateway urban extension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development should deliver a new neighbourhood with a strong sense of place that respects the existing settlement character (including Church Lane) and provide well-designed, high-quality housing that prioritises climate resilience and reducing emissions as set out in 4.6.2 Design principles; and • Uses, density, block types, storey heights, setback and building line and 		

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<p>building types should be in accordance with 4.6.3 Design codes: Tasley gateway urban extension.</p> <p>5) In Code area 6: Tasley Gateway employment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development will be expected to deliver a variety of high-quality workspaces and minimise impacts on neighbouring uses and particularly residential areas as set out in 4.7.2 Design principles; and • Uses, storey heights and building types should be in accordance with 4.7.3 Design codes: Tasley Gateway employment. <p>6) In Code area 7: Rural:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small scale development and conversions of existing farmsteads in line with the most up to date adopted Shropshire Local Plan policies will be expected to incorporate the principles set out in 4.7.5 Design principles; and • Uses, building heights, building types should be in accordance with 4.8.1 		

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Design codes: Small scale rural development.		
<p>Policy TNP6 – New Cemetery Proposals for new burial grounds in the Parish will be supported provided they are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Easily accessible by walking and cycling and located close or adjacent to the existing churchyards or proposed new development areas; and 2) Local residential amenity is protected. <p>Proposed burial grounds should be located where there are no burials into standing water and informed by an appropriate risk assessment in line with the Government’s Guidance Cemeteries and burials: groundwater risk assessments or later guidance.</p>	<p>CS8: Facilities, Services and Infrastructure Provision</p>	<p>These two policies plan positively for improvements in local community facilities in Tasley. Policy TNP6 recognises that with an increased population in the area there may be demand for additional burial space in the parish. Policy TNP7 sets out how the existing small village hall could be re-purposed if a new community hall is provided as part of major development proposals, and also the range of facilities that should be provided in a new hall based on consultation responses. These policies are in general conformity with strategic Policy CS8. This sets out that the development of sustainable places in Shropshire with safe and healthy communities where residents enjoy a high quality of life will be assisted by protecting and enhancing existing facilities, services and amenities that contribute to the quality of life of residents and visitors and</p>

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<p>Policy TNP7 – Community Facilities</p> <p>Proposals to improve facilities at Tasley Village Hall will be supported to help ensure the changing needs of the population are provided for in the short term. Suitable uses for the existing hall should a new community hall be built could include for example a local museum, tearoom or enhanced community space.</p> <p>The proposals for a new community hall as part of major development proposals scheme will be expected to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Complement existing community facilities provided at Tasley Village Hall and in Bridgnorth and other nearby parishes; and 2) Be accessible to local communities from across the Parish of Tasley by walking and cycling and provide suitable and secure cycle and car parking with EV charge points; and 3) Provide a range of facilities including a kitchen, meeting rooms, office, toilets, flexible spaces, café, indoor play 		<p>preserving and improving access to facilities and services wherever possible.</p>

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<p>area and garden with outdoor play area; and</p> <p>4) Be of a sustainable, high-quality design with energy provided from an onsite renewable energy source.</p>		
<p>Policy TNP8 – Community Energy Schemes</p> <p>Small scale community-led renewable energy schemes for resident and business use will be supported where the proposal will not have a significant adverse impact on the local landscape character and any adverse impacts are avoided or suitably mitigated by siting, design and landscaping.</p>	<p>CS3: The Market Towns and Other Key Centres</p> <p>CS6: Sustainable Design and Development Principles</p> <p>CS8: Facilities, Services and Infrastructure Provision</p> <p>CS9: Infrastructure Contributions</p>	<p>Policy TNP8 supports small scale community-led renewable energy schemes subject to environmental impacts. The Policy is in general conformity with Strategic Policy CS3 which sets out that development in the market towns such as Bridgnorth will be supported by improvements in infrastructure. Strategic Policy CS6 which advises that resource and energy efficiency and renewable energy generation are adequately addressed and improved where possible in development. Policy CS8 sets out that the development of sustainable places in Shropshire with safe and healthy communities where residents enjoy a high quality of life will be assisted by facilitating the timely provision of additional facilities, services and infrastructure to meet identified needs</p>

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		and positively encouraging infrastructure, where this has no significant adverse impact on recognised environmental assets, that mitigates and adapts to climate change, including decentralised, low carbon and renewable energy generation. Policy CS9 goes on to say that development that provides additional dwellings or employment premises will help deliver more sustainable communities by making contributions to local infrastructure in proportion to its scale and the sustainability of its location.
<p>Policy TNP9 – Residential Mix</p> <p>Development proposals for new housing will contribute to a suitable and sustainable mix of house types, sizes and tenures to meet local needs. In particular major housing schemes should include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Small family homes (up to 3 bedrooms); 2) Bungalows; 3) Flats; 	<p>CS3: The Market Towns and Other Key Centres</p> <p>CS10: Managed Release of Housing Land</p> <p>CS11: Type and Affordability of Housing</p>	<p>Policy TNP9 sets out that development proposals for new housing will contribute to a suitable and sustainable mix of house types, sizes and tenures to meet local needs, and the policy provides more detail about locally needed house types identified in public consultations for TNP. This Policy is in general conformity with Strategic Policy CS3 which identifies Bridgnorth as a focus for development within the constraints of its location on the edge of the Green Belt and on the River Severn where balanced housing will</p>

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<p>4) Adapted homes suitable for older people and people with disabilities; 5) Larger family homes (4 bedrooms or more); and 6) Homes which support working from home with separate or integrated flexible workspace.</p> <p>Affordable housing will be provided in accordance with policies set out in the most up to date adopted Shropshire Local Development Plan.</p> <p>Wherever possible, new housing should include private garden areas and outside space to support relaxation, exercise and opportunities for growing food on good quality soil.</p> <p>Major housing developments will be expected to provide well thought out, vibrant and welcoming retirement and assisted living accommodation with specialist housing close to facilities such as a library and IT suite, fitness suite, cafe, community hall and medical consulting</p>		<p>take place on sites allocated for development. Policy CS10 sets out that the availability of housing land will be kept under review, maintaining a continuous supply of suitable sites to deliver the overall housing target. New housing sites identified in the Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev) DPD will be released for development having regard to various issues. Policy CS11 goes on to say that to meet the diverse housing needs of Shropshire residents now and in the future and to create mixed, balanced and inclusive communities, an integrated and balanced approach will be taken with regard to existing and new housing, including type, size, tenure and affordability. To achieve this, various measures will be taken such as seeking housing developments which help to balance the size, type and tenure of the local housing stock, providing housing that is designed to be capable of adaptation to accommodate lifestyle changes, including the needs of the</p>

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rooms, which will be open to the wider community.		elderly and people with disabilities and ensuring open market housing development makes appropriate contributions to the provision of local needs affordable housing.
<p>Policy TNP10 – Employment Development</p> <p>Proposals for new employment development should include one or more of the following types of business units to support sustainable local employment opportunities in Tasley:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-cost units and workshops suitable for new startup businesses and local artisan enterprises; and • Shared office and workspace premises as part of new business hubs. <p>Employment proposals should be located close to bus stops and support walking and cycling by including links to existing PROW and providing secure and covered cycle stands. All business units will be expected to incorporate high standards of sustainable design and incorporate</p>	<p>CS3: The Market Towns and Other Key Centres</p> <p>CS13: Economic Development, Enterprise and Employment</p> <p>CS14: Managed Release of Employment Land</p>	<p>Policy TNP10 has been prepared to support appropriate local employment development which meets needs and preferences identified in consultations for TNP. This is in general conformity with Strategic Policy CS3 which identifies Bridgnorth as a focus for development. The Market Towns will maintain and enhance their roles in providing facilities and services to their rural hinterlands and providing foci for economic development and regeneration. Balanced employment development, of an appropriate scale and design that respects each town’s distinctive character and is supported by improvements in infrastructure, will take place on sites allocated for development (including Tasley Gateway which is identified in SAMDev).</p>

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<p>infrastructure to accommodate up to date and high-speed communications technologies. New employment development should also include appropriate landscaping and robust perimeter visual screening, particularly when viewed from the A458 and Wenlock Road.</p>		<p>Policy TNP10 is also in general conformity with Strategic Policy CS13 which advises that Shropshire Council, working with its partners, will plan positively to develop and diversify the Shropshire economy, supporting enterprise, and seeking to deliver sustainable economic growth and prosperous communities. In doing so, particular emphasis will be placed on (amongst other things) supporting the revitalisation of Shropshire’s Market Towns, developing their role as key service centres, providing employment and a range of facilities and services accessible to their rural hinterlands, in accordance with Policy CS3 and planning and managing a responsive and flexible supply of employment land and premises comprising a range and choice of sites in appropriate locations to meet the needs of business.</p> <p>Strategic Policy 14 sets out that a strategic supply of employment land and premises will be identified and managed to deliver around 290 hectares of employment</p>

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		development from 2006 to 2026 which will be distributed in accordance with the strategic approach in Policy CS1.

f) Be Compatible with EU Obligations (under retained EU law)

2.22 The Submission Neighbourhood Plan is fully compatible with EU Obligations.

Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment

2.23 The making of the neighbourhood development plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (as defined in the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010(2)) or a European offshore marine site (as defined in the Offshore Marine Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 2007(3)) (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects).

2.24 Following a Screening Survey completed by the TNP Steering Group on behalf of the Parish Council Shropshire Council undertook screening assessments prior to the publication of the Draft Plan for Regulation 14 public consultation. The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Statement for the draft Tasley Neighbourhood Development Plan and the Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Statement for the draft Tasley Neighbourhood Development Plan were published in September 2025.

2.25 The summary of the SEA Screening Assessment sets out that policies within the draft Tasley Neighbourhood Development Plan were screened under the Strategic Environment Assessment process. The conclusion of the SEA Screening Process is that none of the proposed policies within the draft TNP has the potential to have a significant effect on the natural environment. The draft TNP can be 'screened out' of the Strategic Environment Assessment process and an 'Appropriate Assessment' is not required.

2.26 The summary of the HRA Screening Statement concludes that there is no likely significant effect on any European Site as a result of the policies contained within the Tasley Neighbourhood Development Plan and as such the Tasley Neighbourhood Development Plan is 'screened out' of the HRA process and no further HRA assessments (including 'Appropriate Assessments') are required.

2.27 The SEA screening opinion was sent to Natural England, The Environment Agency, and Historic England on 15th January 2025 for a five-week consultation period. The responses in full are presented in Appendix 1 of the screening report.

2.28 Natural England advised that significant effects on statutorily designated nature conservation sites or landscapes are unlikely.

2.29 The Environment Agency advised that as there are no site allocations proposed within the Neighbourhood Plan it is unlikely to have significant adverse effects on the fabric and/or setting of key heritage assets in the town or on the key features affecting the integrity of SSSIs present locally.

2.30 Historic England advised that they concur with SC's view that the preparation of a SEA is not required.

- 2.31 All three statutory consultees concurred with Shropshire Council's opinion that the draft TNP can be screened out of the SEA process.
- 2.32 The HRA screening opinion was sent to Natural England on 15th January 2025 for a five-week consultation period. Their response in full is presented in Appendix 1 of the report. It was their advice, on the basis of material supplied with the consultation, that 'significant effects on statutorily designated nature conservation sites or landscapes are unlikely; and, significant effects on Habitat sites, either alone or in combination, are unlikely.
- 2.33 Both reports are published on the TNP website.

European Convention on Human Rights

- 2.34 The Submission Neighbourhood Plan is fully compatible with the European Convention on Human Rights. It has been prepared with full regard to national statutory regulation and policy guidance, which are both compatible with the Convention. The Plan has been produced in full consultation with the local community. The Plan does not contain policies or proposals that would infringe the human rights of residents or other stakeholders over and above the existing strategic policies at national and district-levels, as demonstrated below.
- 2.35 The Human Rights Act 1998 incorporated into UK law the European Convention on Human Rights ('The Convention'). The Convention includes provision in the form of Articles, the aim of which is to protect the rights of the individual.
- 2.36 Section 6 of the Act prohibits public bodies from acting in a manner, which is incompatible with the Convention. Various rights outlined in the Convention and its First Protocol are to be considered in the process of making and considering planning decisions, namely:
- 2.37 Article 1 of the First Protocol protects the right of everyone to the peaceful enjoyment of possessions. No one can be deprived of possessions except in the public interest and subject to the conditions provided by law and by the general principles of international law. The Submission Neighbourhood Plan is fully compatible with the rights outlined in this Article. Although the Submission Plan includes policies that would restrict development rights to some extent, this does not have a greater impact than the general restrictions on development rights provided for in national law, namely the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Localism Act 2011. The restriction of development rights inherent in the UK's statutory planning system is demonstrably in the public interest by ensuring that land is used in the most sustainable way, avoiding or mitigating adverse impacts on the environment, community and economy.
- 2.38 Article 6 protects the right to a fair and public hearing before an independent tribunal in determination of an individual's rights and obligations. The process for Neighbourhood Plan production is fully compatible with this Article, allowing for

extensive consultation on its proposals at various stages, and an independent examination process to consider representations received.

2.39 Article 14 provides that 'The enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in ... [the] ... European Convention on Human Rights shall be secured without discrimination on any ground such as sex, race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth or other status.' The Parish Council has developed the policies and proposals within the Plan in full consultation with the community and wider stakeholders to produce as inclusive a document as possible. In general, the policies and proposals will not have a discriminatory impact on any particular group of individuals.

g) Prescribed conditions are met in relation to the Order (or plan) and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the order (or neighbourhood plan).

2.40 The prescribed conditions have therefore been met in relation to the Submission Tasley Neighbourhood Plan and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the Plan.

4. Conclusion

4.1 Tasley Neighbourhood Development Plan (TNP) has been prepared to meet the required Basic Conditions, and this will be tested at examination.

Tasley Parish Council with support from

