



Stubton Neighbourhood Plan

BASIC CONDITIONS STATEMENT

2014 TO 2026

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Introduction

This Basic Conditions Statement is submitted by Stubton Parish Council as the qualifying body responsible for the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. This is to confirm that the Plan is legally compliant and meets the basic conditions required as set out in the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The basic conditions required for Neighbourhood Plans are set by the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B.

Stubton is a small parish with 179 villagers occupying 77 households. It is designated *unsustainable for development* by South Kesteven Development Plan (Core Strategy), which extends over the same time period as the Stubton Neighbourhood Plan i.e. until 2026. This means that opportunities for building development are limited to re-use of existing farm buildings, or affordable housing. In the recent past affordable housing only projects have not been considered a financially attractive option by developers.

The aspirations of the parishioners responding to the consultation process indicate that they considered the key issues are to sensitively conserve and enhance the existing landscape and built setting within the Parish, with special attention given to heritage features. Access to the countryside is important for the villagers and the wider community.

Legal Compliance

The draft Plan is being submitted by a qualifying body.

The Stubton Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted by Stubton Parish Council as the qualifying body responsible for the preparation and submission of the Plan.

The Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and to meet the requirements of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012,

What is being proposed is a Neighbourhood Development Plan

This Plan proposal relates to planning matters (the use and development of land) and has been prepared in accordance with statutory requirements of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. The Basic Conditions Statement also addresses

how the conditions have been met as prescribed by the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4b.

The four requirements have been addressed:

- a) Involvement of the local community and stakeholders.
- b) Conformity with national policies and strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority.
- c) Contribution to the achievement of sustainable development.
- d) Compatibility with EU legislation.

The Plan has been prepared in consultation with local residents, landowners, businesses and statutory consultees. A draft copy of the Neighbourhood Plan was made available for comment at a public meeting and on the village website and the relevant parties were informed by letter or email and invited to comment. All responses were recorded, considered and, where appropriate, amendments were made to the draft Plan. Full details of this process are set out in the 'Statement of Consultation' document submitted with this Basic Conditions Statement and the Neighbourhood Plan.

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

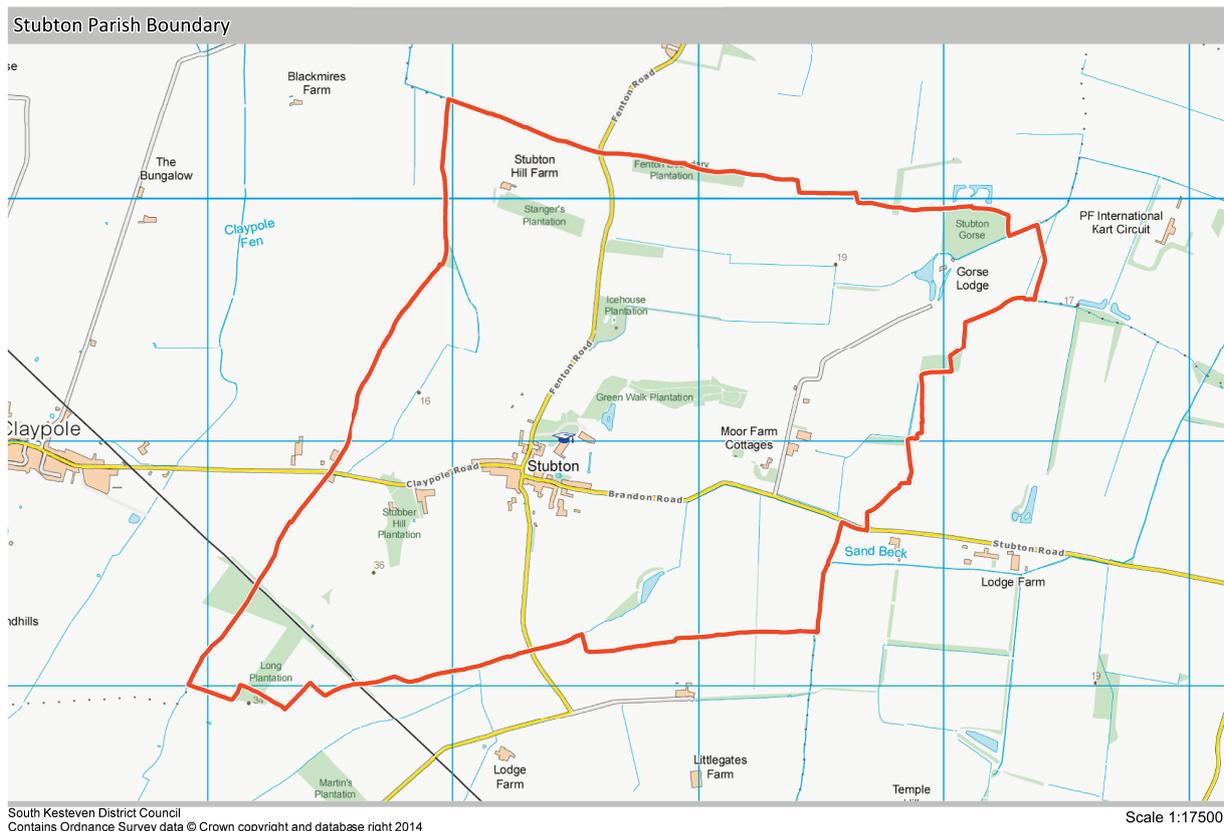
The time period for the Plan within which its policies will apply, is from 2014 to 2026. This period has been chosen to align with the dates covered by the South Kesteven Development Plan (Core Strategy).

The policies within the Plan 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.

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 Stubton Civil Parish and to no other area. There are no other neighbourhood plans relating to that neighbourhood area. The area covered by the Plan was confirmed by South Kesteven District Council on 15 February 2013 and is identified on the map below.



Basic Conditions

Appropriate Regard to National Planning Policy

Stubton Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared with regard to the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The Plan seeks to promote sustainable development by addressing social, economic and environment issues in planning positively to promote local development alongside the protection of the local environment, landscape and historic assets.

Public consultation revealed that walking and recreational pursuits were an important factor in the quality of life in the village and policies which protect and promote access to the countryside are also important in supporting objectives for healthy and active communities.

Feedback from the initial consultation within the community has been distilled into a set of seven aims and objectives. The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to deliver these seven objectives either by policies or action plans undertaken by the Parish Council. The policies are summarised in the table included as appendix 1 of this document.

Conformity with Strategic Local Policy

Stubton parish is located within the administrative boundary of South Kesteven District Council. Their Development Plan (Core Strategy) adopted in 2010 sets out the current planning policy for the district.

There are two policies which are of particular relevance to the Stubton Neighbourhood Plan.

The first policy is SP1: Spacial Strategy which sets out planning limits on smaller villages (which includes Stubton) as follows:

“In all smaller villages and the countryside, development will be restricted. Proposals will only be considered acceptable if they are sites for:

- A. affordable housing (rural exception or allocated sites)*
- B. Agriculture, forestry or equine development*
- C. Rural diversification projects*
- D. Local services & facilities*
- E. Replacement buildings (on a like-for-like basis); or*
- F. Conversions of buildings provided that the existing building(s):*

Contribute to the character & appearance of the local area by virtue of their historic, traditional or vernacular form; are in sound structural condition; and are suitable for conversion without substantial alteration, extension or rebuilding, and that the works to be undertaken do not detract from the character of the building(s) or their setting.”

The second policy is “EN1: Protection and Enhancement of the Character of the District”

The way in which the Stubton Neighbourhood Plan policies conform with all of the relevant sections of South Kesteven's Development Plan is shown in appendix 1 of this document.

Contribute to the Achievement of Sustainable Development

A definition of sustainable development is provided within the National Planning Policy Framework (2012). It notes that there are three dimensions to sustainable development and that these dimensions give rise to the need for planning to perform a number of roles:

an economic role – contributing to building a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right type is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth and innovation; and by identifying and coordinating development requirements, including the provision of infrastructure;

a social role – supporting strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by providing the supply of housing required to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by creating a high quality built environment, with accessible local services that reflect the community's needs and support its health, social and cultural well-being; and

an environmental role – contributing to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; and, as part of this, helping to improve biodiversity, use natural resources prudently, minimise waste and pollution, and mitigate and adapt to climate change including moving to a low carbon economy.

In preparing this Plan Stubton have embraced the above principals for sustainable development and been mindful of their importance when developing policies.

Compatible with EU Obligations

The Stubton Neighbourhood Plan has regard to the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights and complies with the Human Rights Act 1998.

A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) screening was undertaken on behalf of Stubton by South Kesteven District Council. The screening confirms that a SEA is not required for this Neighbourhood Plan. A copy of the SEA in appendix 2 of this document.

There are no sites within Stubton Civil Parish which are designated as being of European or National level importance in terms of landscape, conservation or bio-diversity.

The Parish Council considered and accepted this Basic Conditions Statement at its meeting held on 14 August 2014 as a true record and it is the Parish Council's opinion that all statutory requirements set out in the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 have been met.

Appendix 1: Regard to National Planning Policy and Conformity with South Kesteven Development Plan

Stubton Neighbourhood Plan Policy Objectives	Regard to the National Planning Policy Framework	Conformity with South Kesteven Development Plan
<p>Built Environment Supporting sensitive development which protects and enriches the landscape and built setting within the village and its environs Policies BE1 BE2</p>	<p>Paragraphs 17 and 14 Sections 7 and 11</p>	<p>SP1 - Spatial Strategy EN1 - Protection and Enhancement of the Character of the District H1 - Affordable Housing</p>
<p>Natural Environment Protecting the peace, quiet and tranquillity of the village environment Protecting greenspace, the landscape character and supporting nature conservation and biodiversity Policies: NE1 NE2 NE3</p>	<p>Section 11 (para 109, 118)</p>	<p>EN1 Protection and Enhancement of the Character of the District</p>
<p>Recreation Improving access to countryside and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages to enjoy Policy R1</p>	<p>Section 8 (paragraph 75)</p>	<p>Spatial Objective 10 SP4 - Developer Contributions</p>
<p>Traffic and Road Safety Promoting measures to reduce the impact of traffic speed, damage and noise Policy T1</p>	<p>Section 4</p>	<p>SP3 - Sustainable Integrated Transport</p>