

# Sustainability Appraisal for Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan at Reg 14 Consultation

This document summarises the consideration that has been given to sustainability issues in preparing this draft Plan.

## Summary of the policies in the Pre-Submission draft Plan:

<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>Development / policy proposal</b>	<b>Reason for inclusion in plan (brief summary of need / evidence)</b>	<b>Reasonable alternative proposals, to address the evidence, and why this is considered the best option</b>
SB1	Location of New Development	Ensuring sufficient development can take place in the area to meet the housing requirement for the area identified by Braintree District Council, and protecting and enhancing the countryside from inappropriate development	(See separate Housing Report)
SB2	Protected Views	Protecting the views across and down into the valley characteristic of the area	Adopted following and with reference to a detailed Landscape Character Assessment compiled by Wynne-Williams Associates Limited, which also forms part of the Neighbourhood Plan
SB3	Design in Harmony with the Built and Historic Environment	Respecting and protecting the existing character and appearance of the surrounding area	Adopted following and with reference to a detailed Design Guidance and Codes compiled by AECOM Limited, which also forms part of the Neighbourhood Plan
SB4	Residential Development on Garden Land	Protect the character of the surrounding neighbourhood (in terms of appearance and the massing of development and landscape value)	
SB5	Affordable Housing	Ensure sufficient provision of affordable housing, in line with local needs	(See separate Housing Report)

SB6	Protecting Existing Business Uses	Prevent the loss of existing business premises through redevelopment or change of use	
SB7	Farm Businesses	Encourage the survival and the expansion of farm businesses	
SB8	Provision for Open Space, Sport and Recreation	Maintain and protect the amenity value of the village's current open spaces for future generations	
SB9	Protecting Community Uses	Maintaining and protecting the community facilities and services available to residents	
SB10	Impact of New Development on Traffic	Avoid or mitigate the impacts of increased traffic from additional development	
SB11	Parking Provision	Ensure the provision of adequate and suitable off-street parking in order to minimise obstruction of the local road network in the interests of the safety of all road users	

The following headings have been used to assess the impact of each policy proposal:

- **Nature conservation** - meadows, hedges, trees, rivers, ponds, biodiversity, wildlife etc.
- **Landscape and heritage** - the character of your area, views, any listed buildings, attractive landscape or townscape, conservation areas, archaeology, customs
- **Air and climate** - traffic levels, pollution, use of energy, production of renewable energy etc.
- **Water** - water quality, water provision and use of water, wastewater treatment, flooding
- **Soil** - green-field land, food production (particularly food that is eaten locally), allotments, contaminated areas etc.
- **Population** - homes for current and future residents including Gypsies and Travellers and people with special housing needs.
- **Human health** - green areas, walking and cycling facilities, sports facilities, health facilities etc.
- **Material assets** - education, libraries, community buildings, medical centres, waste, transport, etc.
- **Employment and skills** - jobs, local and small businesses, employment sites, skills and training etc.
- **Equalities** - Groups that have traditionally been disadvantaged, children and young people, older people, women, black and ethnic minority people, people with disabilities, gay, lesbian and transsexual people, people with different religions and beliefs, etc.

The colours on the table below explain the impact of each policy proposal:

Green	Positive impact
White	No impact / neutral
Amber	Some negative impact
Red	Serious negative impact



**Notes re cumulative impacts:**

See below additional commentary where the table shows any of the following:

- **Columns where squares show a large number of negative impacts** - are there any mitigating actions that can reduce the negative impact of this proposal / policy?
- **Lines where squares show a large number of negative impacts** - can anything more be done to create positive impacts within this heading?
- **Lines where squares predominantly show no impact** - are additional policies needed to plan positively for this heading?

The only line where there are a number of potential minor negative impacts is on housing supply, but the separate Housing Report provides evidence that there is sufficient anticipated housing supply to meet likely demand in any case.

There are no columns where there are a significant number of potential negative impacts.