

Maltby Town  
Council

Maltby Neighbourhood  
Plan 2017 – 2028 -  
Basic Conditions  
Statement

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Basic Conditions Statement has been prepared by *andrewtolertonassociates* on behalf of Maltby Town Council (“The Town Council”) to accompany the submission to the Local Planning Authority Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (“Rotherham MBC”) of the Maltby Neighbourhood Plan (“the Plan”) under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (“the Regulations”).
- 1.2 In order to satisfy Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the Town Council, as the ‘qualifying body’ must include a statement explaining how the proposed neighbourhood plan meets the requirements of paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).
- 1.4 Paragraph 8 (2) (as amended) states that a draft neighbourhood development plan meets the basic conditions if:
- (a) having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the neighbourhood development plan,
  - (b) the making of the neighbourhood development plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development,
  - (c) the making of the neighbourhood development 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),
  - (d) the making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible, with retained EU, obligations,
  - (e) prescribed conditions are met in relation to the neighbourhood development plan and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the neighbourhood development plan and,
  - (f) 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 2017.
- 1.5 This Statement sets out how the Plan complies with the Basic Conditions.

## 2.0 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 The Plan complies with legal requirements as described below.

### **The Plan is being submitted by a qualifying body**

- 2.2 The Plan has been submitted by the Town Council, which is a qualifying body and entitled to submit a neighbourhood plan for the neighbourhood area covering the parish of Maltby St John's. The Plan has been prepared by a steering group comprising town councillors and other members of the community under the auspices of Maltby Town Council.

### **What is being proposed is a neighbourhood plan**

- 2.3 The Plan contains policies relating to the development and use of land within the neighbourhood plan area 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.

### **The proposed neighbourhood plan states the period for which it is to have effect**

- 2.4 The Plan states that the period which it relates to is from 2017 until 2028. The period has been chosen to align with that of the Rotherham Local Plan.

### **The policies do not relate to excluded development**

- 2.5 The Plan does not deal with mineral extraction, waste development, nationally significant infrastructure or any other matters set out in Section 61K of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Rotherham MBC was consulted as part of the Regulation 14 consultation and did not raise any concerns that the Plan is not compatible with the mineral and waste policies contained in the Rotherham Local Plan.

### **The proposed neighbourhood plan does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area and there are no other neighbourhood plans in place within the neighbourhood area**

- 2.6 The Plan does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area, and there are no other neighbourhood plans in place within the neighbourhood area. The whole parish of Maltby was formally designated as a Neighbourhood Plan Area by Rotherham MBC on 10 April 2017. A copy of the decision letter can be found at <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/planning-development/neighbourhood-plan/3>.

## **3.0 CONSIDERATION OF NATIONAL AND STRATEGIC LOCAL PLANNING POLICIES**

- 3.1 The Plan has been prepared having regard to national policies and advice set out in the National Planning Policy Framework 2021 ('NPPF') and the approved policies contained in the Rotherham Local Plan.

## **NPPF**

3.2 The Plan has been developed having regard to the NPPF (2021). In broad terms:

### **Plan Making and Decision Making (NPPF paras. 15 - 37)**

The Plan, and the policies it contains are based on adequate and proportionate evidence that provide a practical framework within which planning can be made, with a high degree of predictability, efficiency and unambiguity. It avoids unnecessary duplication of existing policies that apply to the Parish and is consistent with national planning policy. Further, it has been prepared positively in a way that is aspirational but deliverable and contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.

### **Delivering a sufficient supply of homes (NPPF paras. 60 – 80)**

The Plan's housing policies seek to meet housing needs and improve housing choice. The Housing Chapter generally supports appropriate housing development, which means a local need is fulfilled, including the provision of affordable housing. Policy M3 supports a mix of market housing types and sizes to reflect local needs. Policy M4 supports and encourages the provision of affordable housing. Improving the condition of the existing housing stock is also a major theme of the Plan.

### **Building a strong, competitive economy (NPPF paras. 81 - 85)**

The Plan includes several provisions in support of this, especially through the Shops and Maltby Town Centre section and associated policies.

### **Ensuring the vitality of town centres (NPPF paras. 86 – 91)**

The Plan promotes and sets out policies and actions to support the viability and vitality of Maltby Town Centre. The regeneration of Maltby Town Centre is a dominant theme of the Maltby Masterplan developed in support of the Plan. The Masterplan and supporting Policy M1 seek to enhance the physical appearance, attractiveness and accessibility of Maltby Town Centre.

### **Promoting healthy and safe communities (NPPF paras. 91 – 101)**

A range of Plan policies seeks to ensure that Maltby is a healthy and safe parish. This is a major theme of the Plan. Policy M3 supports the provision of new housing to meet local housing needs, especially for older people. Policy M7 promotes the provision of new and enhanced community facilities, including health related ones. Policy M6 controls the proliferation of hot food takeaways in the Parish, which are associated with the high and above rates of obesity in Maltby and the wider area. Policy M1 seeks to ensure that development makes a positive contribution to its surroundings.

### **Promoting sustainable transport (NPPF paras. 104 – 113)**

The Plan's transport related policies promote the use of sustainable transport and sustainable transport options. Policy M10 requires that development proposals must respect highway safety.

### **Supporting high quality communications (NPPF paras. 114 – 118)**

This is not a major theme of the Plan.

### **Making effective use of land (NPPF paras. 119 – 125)**

The Plan, and the policies it contains, seeks to actively manage patterns of growth by guiding development to sustainable solutions. This contributes to making effective use of sustainable development more generally.

### **Achieving Well-Designed Places (NPPF paras. 126 – 136)**

The Plan supports and encourages distinctive and well-designed places by setting out locally formulated design standards and conserving important heritage assets. Policy M1 and associated Maltby Design Code specifically requires development proposals to enhance and conserve local distinctiveness. Policy M2 seeks to conserve locally important heritage assets.

### **Protecting Green Belt land (NPPF paras. 147 – 151)**

The Plan is explicit in its support of, and the importance it attaches to, the Green Belt as reflected in the Natural Environment section and Maltby Design Code.

### **Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change (NPPF paras. 152 – 173)**

The Plan contains various provision aimed at meeting the challenge of climate change, especially through Maltby Design Code.

### **Conserving and enhancing the natural environment (NPPF paras. 174 – 188)**

This is a high priority for the Plan as reflected in the Natural Environment section. Policy M9 seeks to protect and enhance the nature conservation value of the Parish.

### **Conserving and enhancing the historic environment (NPPF paras. 189 – 208)**

This is a major theme of the Plan. The Good Quality and Distinctive Design Section deals with the historic environment. This includes Policy M2 which seeks to conserve locally important heritage assets.

## **Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals (NPPF paras. 209 – 217)**

The Plan does not deal with mineral issues.

- 3.3 A summary explanation of how each of the Plan policies has shown regard to the NPPF are outlined below.

**Table 1: A summary assessment of how each policy of the Plan conforms to the National Planning Policy Framework**

Neighbourhood Plan Policy	NPPF (para.)	Commentary
M1: Promoting Good Quality and Distinctive Design	126 and 127	The policy requires that development proposals should enhance and conserve local distinctiveness and demonstrate high quality design. The NPPF recognises that: “Good design is a key aspect of sustainable development, creates better places in which to live and work and helps make development acceptable to communities.” and specifically identifies “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”.
M2: Maltby Character Buildings and Structures of Local Heritage Interest	189, 190 & 203	The Policy seeks to identify, protect and enhance non-designated and designated heritage assets. This Policy supports the ambitions of the NPPF that “Plans should set out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment” (para. 190). This includes non designated heritage assets, as reflected in para.203 of the NPPF.
M3: Housing Mix	66	The Policy seeks to ensure a mix of housing that meets an identified need in the community. The Policy is in accordance with para. 62 that, “...the size, type and tenure of housing needed for different groups in the community should be assessed and reflected in planning policies...”
M4: Affordable Housing	62 and 66	This policy seeks to ensure a suitable supply of affordable housing and of the right type and mix. This is in accordance with the NPPF, which states “Where a need for affordable housing is identified, planning policies should specify the type of affordable housing required”.
M5: Shops Outside Maltby Town Centre	93.	This Policy conforms with the NPPF with its emphasis on “ensure that established shops, facilities and services are able to develop and modernise, and are retained for the benefit of the community” (para. 93 d).
M6: Hot Food Takeaways	92	This is in accordance with the stated ambitions of the NPPF (especially para 92) that planning policies should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places, including enabling and supporting healthy lifestyles; planning positively for the provision and use of shared spaces and enabling communities to set out more detailed policies for specific areas. This is developed in Planning Policy

		Guidance ‘Healthy and Safe Communities’ <sup>1</sup> , which makes specific reference to “Planning policies and supplementary planning documents can, where justified, seek to limit the proliferation of particular uses where evidence demonstrates this”.
M7: Supporting New and Enhanced Community Facilities	93.	Planning positively for the provision of social, recreational and cultural facilities and services, community need is a high priority in the NPPF, as reflected in para 93a. This Policy is in accordance with this.
M8: Assets of Community Value	92.	This Policy is consistent with the stated aim of the NPPF “guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services, particularly where this would reduce the community’s ability to meet its day-to-day needs” (para. 93c). Further, a non-statutory DCLG Policy Statement <sup>2</sup> states that a listing of an Asset of Community Value can be a planning consideration, “The provisions do not place any restriction on what an owner can do with their property, once listed, if it remains in their ownership. This is because it is planning policy that determines permitted uses for particular sites. However, the fact that the site is listed may affect planning decisions – it is open to the Local Planning Authority to decide that listing as an asset of community value is a material consideration if an application for change of use”.
M9: Nature Conservation	174.	This Policy seeks to protect and enhance local nature conservation to achieve an overall net gain in biodiversity. This is in support of and accordance with para 174 (d) which seeks, amongst other things “...minimising impacts on and providing net gains for biodiversity...”.
M10: Traffic Management	92, 104 and 106.	This policy requires that development proposals must respect highway safety, particularly where highway safety issues have been identified locally as an issue and as such it supports the achievement of safe and accessible places (Chapter 8, the Framework, “Promoting healthy and safe communities”).

<sup>1</sup> [Healthy and safe communities - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/healthy-and-safe-communities)

<sup>2</sup>[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/14880/Community\\_Right\\_to\\_Bid\\_-\\_Non-statutory\\_advice\\_note\\_for\\_local\\_authorities.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/14880/Community_Right_to_Bid_-_Non-statutory_advice_note_for_local_authorities.pdf)



## Achieving sustainable development

- 3.4 The Plan is positively prepared, reflecting the presumption in the NPPF in favour of sustainable development. In this regard, the Plan supports the strategic development needs in local planning policies, shaping and directing development in the area.
- 3.5 Whilst there is no legal requirement for a neighbourhood plan to have a sustainability appraisal, this section of the Statement demonstrates how the Plan fulfils the basic condition that the plan contributes to achieving sustainable development.
- 3.6 The NPPF sets out three objectives to sustainable development: -
- a) an economic objective – 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;
  - b) a social objective – to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by ensuring that a sufficient number and range of homes can be 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
  - c) an environmental objective – 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.
- 3.7 The Plan, and the policies it contains, by guiding development to sustainable solutions, contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. Broadly, the Plan seeks to contribute to sustainable development by ensuring schemes will protect local distinctiveness; will serve economic needs; will protect and enhance social facilities; and generally, seek positive improvements to the quality of the natural, built and historic environment, as well as in people's quality of life, in particular:
- supporting the transition to a low carbon future through actively managing patterns of growth within existing settlements, supporting safe and sustainable modes of transport and supporting local housing, shopping and community opportunities.
  - supporting strong, vibrant, healthy and inclusive communities by facilitating the right mix of housing (including affordable housing) to meet local need and promoting good and distinctive design that meets local needs.
  - protecting and enhancing the distinctive character of the built and natural environment through promoting good design, protection and enhancement of heritage assets and improvements in nature conservation.
  - conserving and enhancing the natural environment by prioritising development in the built-up area, conserving open spaces and enhancing and improving nature conservation.
  - supporting a strong economy by ensuring the ongoing vitality of the Town Centre.
  - safeguarding and enhancing existing important community facilities and local shopping provision.

## **General conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan for the area**

- 3.8 There has been a working relationship and collaboration and cooperation between officers and members of Rotherham MBC and the Town Council. This included meetings and regular dialogue with officers at Rotherham MBC's Planning Department and Neighbourhoods teams to support and guide the preparation of the Plan, with a particular focus on minimising the risk of any 'conformity issues' between the Plan and the Local Plan.
- 3.9 The Plan has been developed in general conformity with the approved Local Plan for Rotherham. The Local Plan consists of a number of documents. Of particular relevance to the Plan area are:
- The Rotherham Core Strategy 2013 – 2028 (adopted 2014).
  - Rotherham Local Plan Sites and Policies Document (adopted 2018).
- 3.10 The adopted Rotherham Core Strategy 2013-2028 sets out a spatial vision for the whole of Rotherham Borough. It identifies the broad locations for delivering new housing and employment, including provision for retail, leisure and community facilities, how much new development is needed, where it should go and when it should happen.
- 3.11 The Core Strategy is supported by the Rotherham Local Sites and Policies Document that identifies development sites across the borough to meet the targets set out in the Core Strategy. This is for new homes and employment development. It also includes detailed policies to guide decisions on planning applications.
- 3.12 The Local Plan provides a framework for delivering housing and employment growth in the Borough, including Maltby.
- 3.13 The Local Plan contains several policies and proposals of specific relevance to the Plan.
- 3.14 Of particular significance is Policy CS1 'Delivering Rotherham's Spatial Strategy' in the Core Strategy. This sets out the scale and distribution of growth needed.
- 3.15 This identifies the Maltby and Hellaby sub area as 'Principal settlement for more limited growth opportunities'. This requires the provision of 700 dwellings and 5 hectares of employment land to be delivered across the Maltby and Hellaby sub area over the lifetime of the Core Strategy. The supporting Sites and Policies document (adopted 2018) then details the housing and employment site allocations that will meet the housing and employment requirement for Maltby and Hellaby.
- 3.16 Policy CS 1 also identifies '*To the east of Maltby the colliery has recently closed. This presents an opportunity to consider whether the site could contribute towards meeting some of the growth requirements in Maltby, which will be explored through the Sites and Policies document. Maltby is however physically constrained by the colliery site and its tip, the borough boundary with Doncaster in the north and significant ecological interest*

*to the south. There are limited opportunities for new growth but where there are suitable sites these will be considered for potential development during the Plan period and allocated in the Sites and Policies document'. This is developed in the approved Rotherham Local Plan Sites and Policies Document. Policy SP 18 SPA2 'Former Maltby Colliery', states 'The reuse of land and premises at Maltby Colliery, site allocation SPA2 as shown on the Policies Map, for employment purposes will be supported in principle; in particular, where they utilise the existing rail head and National Grid connections. Appropriate uses will include: a. B2 (general industry) b. waste and energy c. aggregate depot. A masterplan for these uses will be required to ensure the comprehensive redevelopment of the site'.*

- 3.17 Also of significance is Policy CS 4 'Green Belt'. This identifies that land will be removed from the Green Belt to facilitate the development in Maltby, and more generally across the Borough. The detailed amended Green Belt boundaries were defined in the Sites and Policies document and accompanying Policies Map.
- 3.18 Policy CS 12 'Managing Change in Rotherham's Retail and Service Centres'. This establishes a hierarchy of Retail and Service Centres across the Borough. It identifies Maltby as a 'Town Centre' in this hierarchy, the second highest in the hierarchy after Rotherham Town Centre. Policy CS 12 is developed by Policy SP 19 'Development Within Town, District and Local Centres' in the Rotherham Local Plan Sites and Policies Document.
- 3.19 The Plan sets out over 10 local policies. The table below shows these policies along with the policies of greatest relevance in the Local Plan which it is in general conformity with. In preparing this document regard has been given to the useful document 'Rotherham local plan: Strategic policies in Rotherham' (January 2019) prepared by Rotherham MBC to assist town and parish councils and other groups preparing a neighbourhood plan in the Borough.
- 3.20 A summary explanation of how each of the Plan policies has regard to the particularly relevant approved strategic policies are outlined below.

**Table 2: A summary assessment of how each policy of the Plan conforms to the Rotherham Core Strategy and supporting plans and documents**

Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Adopted Local Plan Policy	Commentary
M1: Promoting Good Quality and Distinctive Design	CS1 and SP 55	This supports and provides local context, detail and certainty to Policy SP 55 Design Principles which require that all forms of development are required to be of high quality, incorporate inclusive design principles, create decent living and working environments, and positively contribute to the local character and distinctiveness of an area and the way it functions. It also supports Policy CS 1 that identifies that this masterplan “ <i>be prepared in conjunction with appropriate consultation with local communities and key stakeholders</i> ”. “Furthermore, “ <i>masterplanning will address the need to integrate the proposed development with the existing community, to ensure the protection and enhancement of existing bridleways, cycle ways and footpaths and the promotion and enhancement of sustainable transport accessibility</i> ”. It also provides greater local detail and certainty as it identifies those local heritage assets that are of greatest importance to the community.
M2: Maltby Character Buildings and Structures of Local Heritage Interest	CS 23 and SP 45	This seeks to protect and conserve local buildings identified by the community as important. This supports, and is in accordance with, Policy SP 45 ‘Locally Listed Buildings’ which seek to ensure and encourage the preservation and enhancement of Locally Listed Buildings and Policy CS 23 which states, Proposals will be supported which protect the heritage significance and setting of locally identified heritage assets such as buildings of local architectural or historic interest, locally important archaeological sites and parks and gardens of local interest”. It also provides greater local detail and certainty as it identifies those local heritage assets that are of greatest importance to the community.
M3: Housing Mix	CS7	Policy CS 7 ‘Housing Mix and Affordability’ – This policy seeks to support a mix of housing that meet the present and future needs of all members of the community, with a particular focus on, where possible, addressing current imbalances in the proportions of different house types in the current housing stock. This supports and is in accordance with this.
M4: Affordable Housing		
M5: Shops Outside Maltby Town Centre	CS 29	This is in accordance with and supports Policy CS 29 ‘Community and Social Facilities’ which seeks to protect important community facilities.
M6: Hot Food Takeaways	CS 29	This supports and adds local detail and context to Policy CS 22 ‘Hot Food Takeaways’ which seeks to restrict them to the defined town, district and local centres (but outside

		of Primary and Secondary Shopping Frontages) and limits their number and concentration within these areas. Its inclusion also reflects that the issue is of special importance to the Parish.
M7: Supporting New and Enhanced Community Facilities	CS29 & SP64	This supports and encourages new and enhanced community facilities that meet a local need. It supports Policy SP 64 'Access to Community Facilities' with its aim of ensuring that all residential development should have good access to a range of shops and services. Also, Policy CS 29 'Community and Social Facilities' which support the retention, provision and enhancement of a range of community and social facilities that serve the changing needs of all of Rotherham's communities; particularly in areas of housing growth or identified deficiency.
M8: Assets of Community Value	CS 29 & 62	This is in accordance with policies SP 62 'Safeguarding Community Facilities' and CS 29 'Community and Social Facilities' both of which seek to protect important community facilities.
M9: Nature Conservation	CS 20	This seeks to protect and enhance local biodiversity features and habitats. The policy has regard to Policy CS 20 and the various other local plan policies that seek to conserve and enhance Rotherham's natural environment.
M10: Traffic Management	SP 26	This is in accordance with policies SP 26 'Sustainable Transport for Development' with its emphasis on ensuring "local traffic circulation, existing parking and servicing arrangements are not adversely affected" by development proposals and "the highway network is, or can be made, suitable to cope with the traffic generated..."

## 4.0 EU OBLIGATIONS

- 4.1 The Plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, retained EU obligations.

### **Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)**

- 4.2 In some limited circumstances, where a neighbourhood plan could have significant environmental effects, it may require a Strategic Environmental Assessment under the relevant EU Directive. DCLG planning guidance suggests that, whether a neighbourhood plan requires a strategic environmental assessment and (if so) the level of detail needed, will depend on what is proposed in the draft neighbourhood plan. A strategic environmental assessment may be required, for example, where:
- a neighbourhood plan allocates sites for development;
  - the neighbourhood area contains sensitive natural or heritage assets that may be affected by the proposals in the plan;
  - the neighbourhood plan may have significant environmental effects that have not already been considered and dealt with through a sustainability appraisal of the Local Plan.
- 4.3 In the case of the Plan:
- it does not allocate any sites for development;
  - there are no sensitive natural or heritage assets that may be adversely affected by the policies in the Plan;
  - it does not have significant environmental effects as defined by the criteria set out in Schedule 1 to the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (as amended) and shown at Appendix 2; and
  - it does not contain significant proposals beyond those which have already been the subject of a SEA within the Sustainability Appraisal carried out for Rotherham Core Strategy.
- 4.4 The Town Council has screened the Plan to determine whether an SEA is required. They considered that one is not required. They have consulted with Historic England, Environment Agency and Natural England on the draft Regulation 14 Plan on their opinion whether a SEA was not required, and they have each confirmed that they do not consider that a SEA is required. Rotherham MBC also agree that an SEA is not required.

### **Habitats Directive**

- 4.5 An HRA screening of the Plan has been undertaken by the Town Council. This did not identify any significant effects arising from the proposals contained in it.
- 4.6 It is therefore considered that the Plan is not in breach of the EU Habitats Directive.

## **Convention on Human Rights**

- 4.7 The Plan must have regard to, and is compatible with, the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights. The Plan has had regard to the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).

## **5.0 OTHER RELEVANT BASIC CONDITIONS**

- 5.1 An additional basic condition prescribed under Regulation 32 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 is that: - 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).
- 5.2 Rotherham MBC, Natural England, Environment Agency and Historic England have formally been consulted on the draft Plan and did not raise any concerns that the Plan would adversely affect an internationally or nationally designated nature conservation sites or heritage within Maltby Parish or the surrounding area. It is, therefore, considered that the Plan meets the additional prescribed basic condition.

## **6.0 Consultation**

- 6.1 The Plan has been prepared with extensive input from the community and stakeholders as set out in the accompanying Statement of Consultation. The draft Plan was consulted on and publicised in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. Responses were recorded and the Plan amended as appropriate. The Statement of Consultation has been prepared and meets the requirements set out in Paragraph 15 (2) of the Regulations.

## **7.0 CONCLUSIONS**

- 7.1 The Basic Conditions as set out in Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) are considered to have been met by the Plan.
- 7.2 The Plan has regard to national planning policy and guidance, will contribute towards the achievement of sustainable development, and is in general conformity with the approved policies contained in the Rotherham Core Strategy 2013 – 2028 (adopted 2014) and Rotherham Local Plan Sites and Policies Document (adopted 2018).
- 7.3 It is therefore respectfully suggested to the Examiner that the Plan complies with Paragraph 8(1)(a) of Schedule 4B of the Act.