

# Heydon Neighbourhood Plan 2025 to 2041 Basic Conditions Statement Addendum

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## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Basic Conditions Statement was prepared by Heydon Parish Council as an Addendum to the original Basic Conditions Statement that was consulted on during the Regulation 16 submission version of the Heydon Neighbourhood Plan (NP) between 15 December 2025 to 9 February 2026.
- 1.2 The NP was sent for Examination on 24 February 2026 and since then, updated regulations came into force on 25 March 2026. The updates implement both Sections 98 section 99 of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023. This Addendum addresses updates to the regulations and sets out how the NP does not contain policies relating to excluding development in accordance with Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act (TCPA). In all other respects the NP does not include anything not permitted by section 98 (2) of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act.

## 2 Responding to the new Basic Conditions

- 2.1 This statement addresses Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B of the 1990 TCPA as applied to by section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. In summary, it requires that a Neighbourhood Development Plan meets the basic conditions:
- So far as the qualifying body considers appropriate, and having regard to the subject matter of the plan, the plan must be designed to ensure that the development and use of land in the neighbourhood area contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change; and
  - So far as the qualifying body considers appropriate and having regard to the subject matter of the plan, the plan must be designed to take account of any local nature recovery strategy under section 104 of the Environment Act 2021 that relates to all or part of the neighbourhood plan area.
- 2.2 In addition, there is a new Basic Condition requirement that requires:
- That the making of a Neighbourhood Development Plan would not result in the Development Plan for the area of the Authority proposing that less housing is provided by means of development taking place in that area than if the Neighbourhood Development Plan were not to be made.
- 2.3 This replaces the former Basic Condition that the Neighbourhood Development Plan be in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the Development Plan for the area.
- 2.4 A further Basic Condition related to the new environmental assessment framework commenced but, at this time a completed framework for the implementation of Environmental Assessment Reports is not in place and, therefore, compliance with this Basic Condition cannot be assessed.
- 2.5 There was no transitional arrangement for the introduction of Sections 98 and 99 and, therefore, the Heydon NP will additionally have to be examined against these matters. This addendum to the Heydon Basic Conditions Statement identifies how the policies in the draft NP satisfy Sections 98 and 99 of the LURA.

### 3 Assessment of how the policies do not have the effect of preventing development as set out in the Strategic Policies

3.1 Table 1 identified how the policies in the Heydon NP satisfy Sections 98 and 99 of the LURA.

Policy reference	Does this policy contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change?	Does the policy take account of any Local Nature Recovery Strategy* under section 104 of the Environment Act 2021 that relates to all or part of the neighbourhood plan area?	Would the policy result in less housing taking place in the area than if the Plan were not to be made?
<b>Policy Hey 1:</b> Protecting and enhancing Heydon’s landscape character and recognising its area of Valued Landscape	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to climate change.	Yes – the policy requires development proposals to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retain or enhance existing features of landscape and wider surroundings</li> <li>• Make a positive contribution to the distinctive landscape character.</li> </ul>	No – the policy does not prevent the delivery of the housing requirements of the adopted Local Plan.
<b>Policy Hey 2:</b> Important Countryside Frontages	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to climate change.	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to the content of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.	No – the policy does not prevent the delivery of the housing requirements of the adopted Local Plan.
<b>Policy Hey 3:</b> Locally Important Views	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to climate change.	Yes – the policy requires development proposals to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect views from adverse impacts</li> <li>• Enhance the key features of the views.</li> </ul>	No – the policy does not prevent the delivery of the housing requirements of the adopted Local Plan.

<b>Policy Hey 4:</b> Preserving and enhancing the special character of Heydon's built Environment	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to climate change.	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to the content of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.	No – any infill development in the Village Character Areas would normally have to take account of the character of the areas.
<b>Policy Hey 5:</b> Heydon's Local Green Spaces	Yes – it maintains Local Green Spaces.	Yes – it maintains Local Green Spaces.	No – the green spaces identified are not considered suitable for housing development.
<b>Policy Hey 6:</b> Conserving and Enhancing Heritage Assets in Heydon Parish	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to climate change.	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to the content of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.	No – the policy does not prevent the delivery of the housing requirements of the adopted Local Plan.
<b>Policy Hey 7:</b> Delivering sustainable climate adapted and resilient design in the Parish	Yes – it sets out requirements for future design and construction to ensure development contributes positively to mitigating the effects of climate change.	Yes – it encourages the incorporation of surface water drainage arrangements and the use of SuDS such as attenuation ponds and swales, green roofs and permeable paving.	No – the policy does not prevent the delivery of the housing requirements of the adopted Local Plan.
<b>Policy Hey 8:</b> Protecting and enhancing Heydon's natural features and sites of biodiversity value	Yes – it seeks to mitigate or compensate for any impact on features and sites of biodiversity value.	Yes – it sets out measures to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect and enhance existing natural features</li> <li>• Minimise impact on the protected species and priority habitats</li> <li>• Deliver biodiversity enhancements.</li> </ul>	No – the policy does not prevent the delivery of the housing requirements of the adopted Local Plan.
<b>Policy Hey 9:</b> Protecting the darks skies in Heydon	Neutral - it does not contain matters relating to climate change.	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to the content of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.	No – the policy does not prevent the delivery of the

			housing requirements of the adopted Local Plan.
<b>Policy Hey 10:</b> Delivering homes that meet the village's needs	Neutral - it does not contain matters relating to climate change.	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to the content of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.	No – the policy does not prevent the delivery of the housing requirements of the adopted Local Plan.
<b>Policy Hey 11:</b> Delivering improved community infrastructure for the Parish community	Neutral - it does not contain matters relating to climate change.	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to the content of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.	No – the policy does not prevent the delivery of the housing requirements of the adopted Local Plan.
<b>Policy Hey 12:</b> Public house safeguarded site	Neutral - it does not contain matters relating to climate change.	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to the content of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.	No – the policy does not prevent the delivery of the housing requirements of the adopted Local Plan.
<b>Policy Hey 13:</b> Protecting and improving our network of rural routes suitable for safe use by walkers and other non-motorised users	Neutral - it does not contain matters relating to climate change.	Yes - The policy positively encourages the incorporation of trees and hedges along existing public rights of way.	No – the policy does not prevent the delivery of the housing requirements of the adopted Local Plan.

\*The Heydon NP was prepared in advance of the [Cambridgeshire and Peterborough LNRS](#) that was approved by Local Authorities in December 2025.