

IVYBRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



Basic Conditions Statement

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INTRODUCTION

1. This statement sets out the reasons for producing the Ivybridge Neighbourhood Plan and explains how the plan's preparation accords with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (hereafter referred to as “the Regulations”). It also sets out how the plan meets the basic conditions for a neighbourhood plan as prescribed by the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B.
2. Ivybridge Town Council (ITC) is the qualifying body responsible for the preparation, consultation and submission of the neighbourhood plan, and has been assisted in the process by a Steering Group, focus groups and local consultants.
3. The Ivybridge Neighbourhood Plan area has been designated as the whole of Ivybridge parish and a part of the adjoining parish of Ugborough (see Appendix 1). The area included within Ugborough parish is that part of the parish where development adjoining Ivybridge is proposed in earlier plans (the Ivybridge Site Allocations Development Plan Document – February 2011).

THE IVYBRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

4. Ivybridge is a town of about 12,000 population lying about 10 miles east of Plymouth. It grew up on the southern slopes of Dartmoor, initially as a mill town and a staging post, then very rapidly in the latter part of the twentieth century following its designation as a location to help meet the demands for post-war growth.
5. The town's facilities have not always kept up with the pace of growth in Ivybridge and the plan aims to address this issue, particularly seeking the regeneration of the town centre.
6. The plan is based on the Vision produced by the local community early in the plan-making process:

Ivybridge
***A friendly mill town - along the river, beside the moor -
offering healthy, creative, sustainable future lifestyles***

7. The plan includes a range of objectives under several headings:
 - **Transport and Movement** – seeking more sustainable travel and movement, better air quality and improved access for all.
 - **Sport, Leisure and Tourism** – seeking to grow the town's good sporting reputation and enhance visitor experience.
 - **Employment** – seeking to boost local job creation and investment.
 - **Shopping and Town Centre** – seeking major regeneration and investment, particularly in the town centre.
 - **Community** – seeking better community infrastructure, including improved access to the river.

- **Environment** – seeking to protect and enhance historic and green assets
8. The local community has shaped the plan and its priorities respond to the issues and aspirations they have raised.

DRAFT COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

9. The draft Ivybridge Neighbourhood Plan was made available for consultation in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Regulations, from 6th July to 21st August 2015. Any amendments required as a result of that consultation will be made prior to the plan's submission to South Hams District Council as the local planning authority (LPA).
10. Part 5, paragraph 15 of the Regulations (see box below) sets out the requirements for the qualifying body (ITC) to submit the plan to the LPA.

Plan proposals

15. — (1) Where a qualifying body submits a plan proposal to the local planning authority, it must include –
- (a) a map or statement which identifies the area to which the proposed neighbourhood development plan relates;
 - (b) a consultation statement;
 - (c) the proposed neighbourhood development plan; and
 - (d) a statement explaining how the proposed neighbourhood development plan meets the requirements of paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act.

11. Part (a) is provided at Appendix 1 of this statement and is also shown in the plan itself.
12. Parts (b) and (c) have been prepared and accompany this statement as part of the submission.
13. The ways in which the plan meets Part (d) are set out later in this statement, at section 5, namely that:
- The plan has regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State.
 - The plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.
 - The plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area.
 - The plan does not breach and is compatible with EU obligations.

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS AND SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

14. To accompany this Basic Conditions Statement, the following documents have been prepared and submitted to support the plan:

- The Ivybridge Neighbourhood Plan
- The Consultation Statement
- The Sustainability Appraisal and Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report
- The Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Opinion
- The Evidence Base
- The Health Check (provided by Planning Aid)

THE BASIC CONDITIONS

15. This section of the statement sets out the ways in which the plan meets the basic conditions laid down in the Regulations.

1. Regard to national policy and guidance

16. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was published in March 2012. It provides a framework for planning for sustainable development, including by local communities through the production of neighbourhood plans.

17. Appendix 2 sets out the way that the policies of the plan conform with the NPPF

2. Achievement of sustainable development

18. The plan's objectives are set squarely within the bounds of sustainable development. It provides for economic sustainability through job creation and increased town centre activity, social sustainability through support and development of community groups; and environmental sustainability through travel management and care of natural resources.

19. The vision for Ivybridge includes that it should offer healthy, creative and sustainable future lifestyles. Its policies aim to foster and encourage sustainable development, particularly to secure regeneration of the town centre.

3. Conformity with strategic policies of the development plan

20. The plan has been prepared in close co-operation with South Hams District Council, whose relevant adopted plan documents include the LDF Core Strategy and Ivybridge Site Allocations DPD in particular. The plan conforms with their content and also with the strategic content of other adopted LDF and saved Local Plan policies inasmuch as they relate to Ivybridge.

21. The way in which the plan's policies conform is set out in Appendix 2.

4. Compatibility with EU legislation

22. Screening opinions have been sought from South Hams District Council in relation to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA).

23. Sustainability Appraisal of the plan and its policies has also been carried out.

24. The proximity of Dartmoor National Park and xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx SAC have been particular

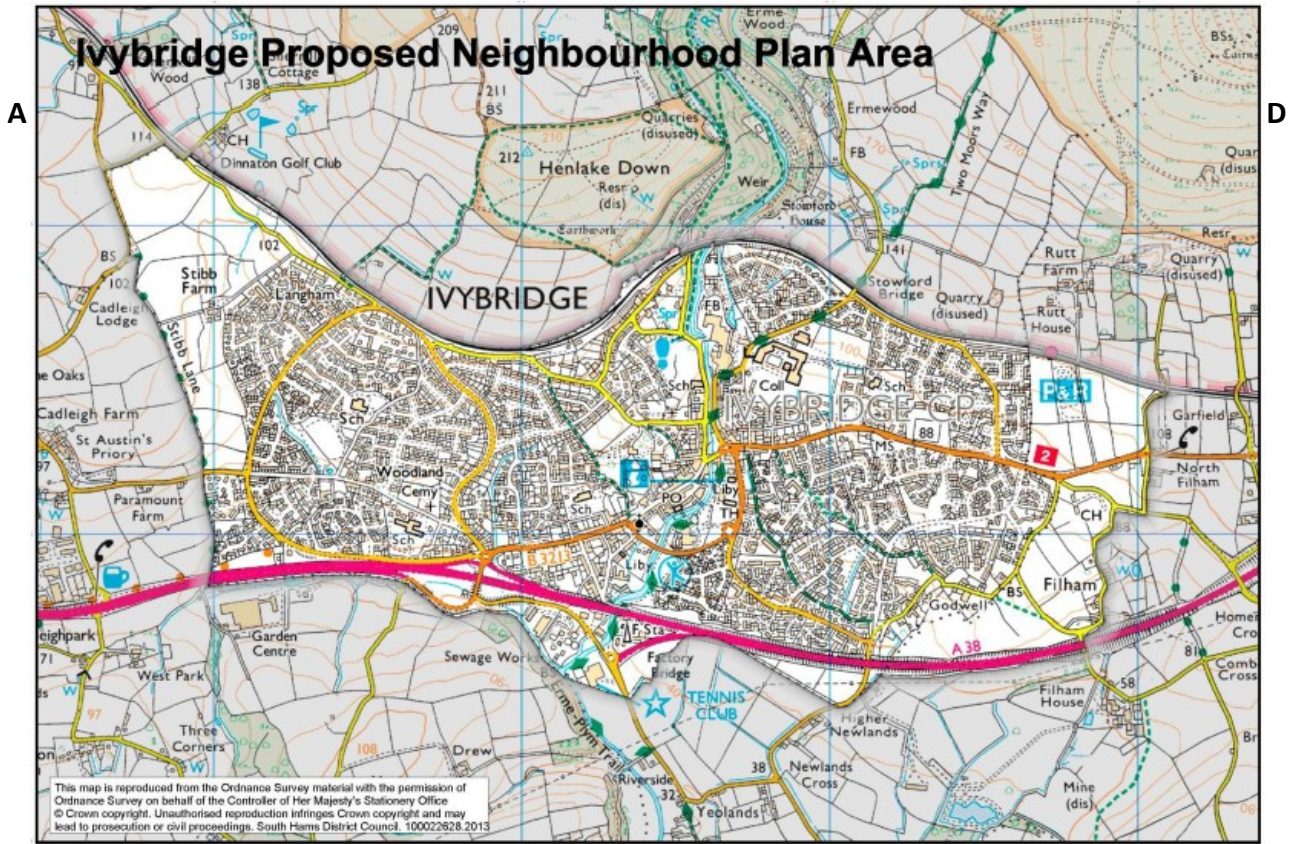
considerations.

25. The consultation response from **Natural England and others** state:

26. It is considered that the plan is compatible with the European Convention on Human Rights within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998.

APPENDIX 1 – IVYBRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA DESIGNATION

1. The plan area shown on the map below is that confirmed on 18th July 2013 by South Hams District Council.



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APPENDIX 3 – SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL FINDINGS

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APPENDIX 4 – SEA AND HRA FINDINGS

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APPENDIX 5 – NATURAL ENGLAND RESPONSE TO HRA CONSULTATION

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APPENDIX 6

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12. LDJ;\Z

APPENDIX 7

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