

Neighbourhood Plan Examinations

THE BASIC CONDITIONS

A neighbourhood plan meets the basic conditions if:

- i) having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the plan;
 - ii) the making of the plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
 - iii) the making of the 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);
 - iv) the making of the plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations;
- and
- v) prescribed conditions are met in relation to the plan and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the plan.

The legal source of these basic conditions is the Localism Act 2011, which inserted Schedules 4A and 4B into the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Schedule 48 relates to Neighbourhood Development Orders; Schedule 4A relates to Neighbourhood Development Plans and applies parts of Schedule 4B to Plans.