

SANDLEHEATH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
(ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT ADDENDUM)

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Environmental Report Addendum to the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the submission Sandleheath Neighbourhood Plan 2024-2044 (SNP) has been prepared by consultants, ONH Planning for Good, for the Sandleheath Neighbourhood Plan and its Qualifying Body, Sandleheath Parish Council.

1.2 The Addendum has been prepared to supplement the draft Environmental Report produced by consultants, AECOM, and published by SNP along with the Pre-Submission SNP in June 2025 for consultation. AECOM is not able to complete the final Report due to the ending of the Government's Neighbourhood Plan Support Programme, which funded the production of the draft Report.

1.3 The draft SNP was written, informed by the draft Environmental Report and as such there were no recommendations made in its conclusion.

1.4 This Addendum summarises the small number of material policy modifications made to the SNP in preparing the submission version, following the Regulation 14 consultation period.

1.5 The SNP, along with the SEA Report, this Addendum and other documentation, are now submitted to the local planning authority, New Forest District Council (NFDC), to arrange for the consultation on the Submission version of the Plan (Regulation 16) and to subsequently for independent examination.

2 MODIFICATIONS TO SNP

2.1 There has been no material change in context, so the evidence base and approach taken in the draft Environmental Report to defining and assessing reasonable alternatives remain valid and unaltered. In addition, there are no new policies nor deletions and the proposed site allocations (policies SAN5) remain, albeit with some modification to their provision.

2.2 The material policy modification made to the final version of the SNP is:

SAN5 – Site Allocations

2.3 The Draft Environmental Report (§5.33) stated none of the options were at risk of fluvial flooding but noting a strip of medium-high risk surface water flooding east to west through the centre of Site 5 (which is referred to in the Neighbourhood Plan as Land North of Main Road.) Updated flood risk mapping has now been released for this area which now indicates part of the site is now covered by flood zone 3 and flood zone 2 (see map below), which was previously considered at risk of surface water flooding. As such, this land has been removed from the allocation, reducing the site size 1.81ha.

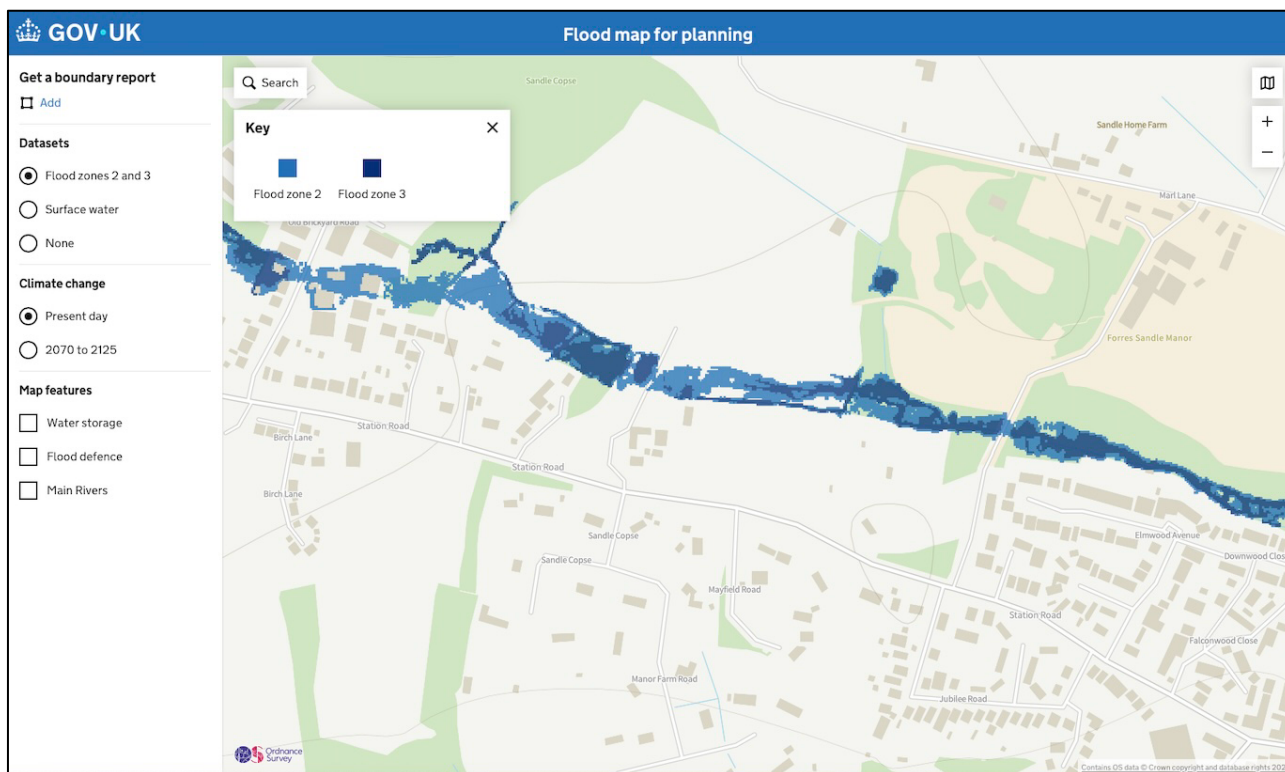


Figure 1 – Flood Risk Mapping illustrating the inclusion of land to the north of Main Road.

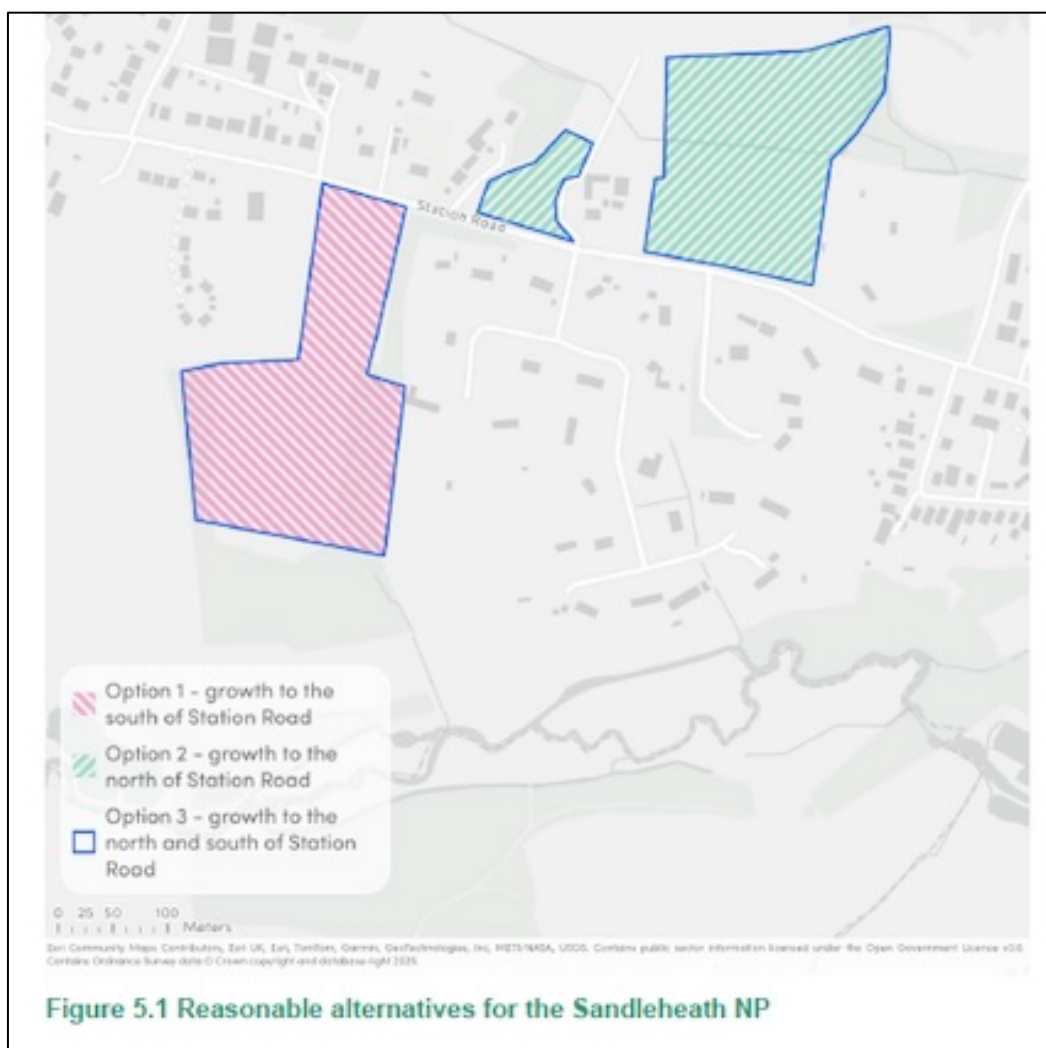


Figure 2 illustrating the extent of SAN5 land north of Main (station) Road at Pre-submission stage

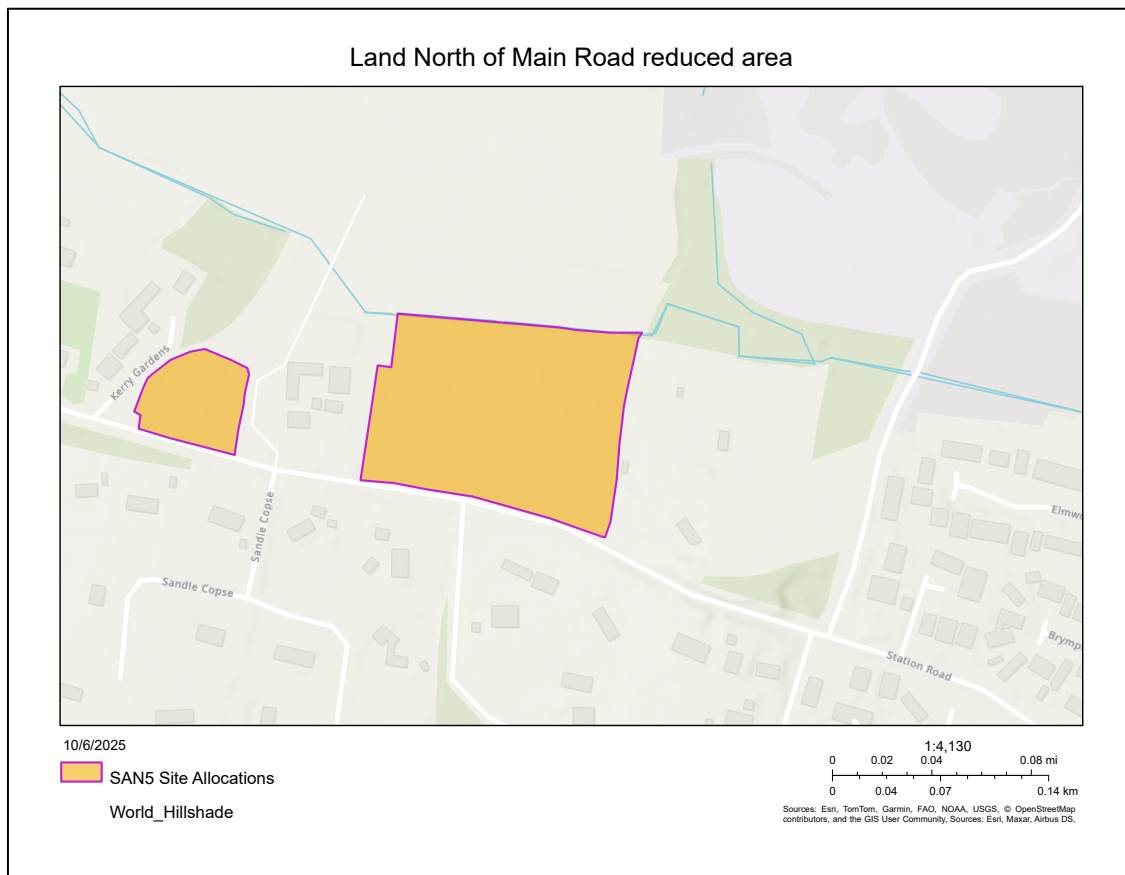


Figure 3 – reduced extent of SAN5 Land north of Main Road at Submission Stage

2.4 As a result, the policy now allows for up to 40 dwellings in this location rather than the previous 51 in the draft report (§8.3), which in turn means that the total number of houses to be allocated through the SNP is up to 97, rather than the 108 set out in the draft (§8.5), although this is still within the range identified as option 3 in the SEA (§5.19) of 96 – 110 homes.

2.5 It is further noted that in negotiation with the landowner, the overall size and shape of the western parcel of Land north of Main Road, set aside for community use, has undergone a minor adjustment. This has no impact on the draft Environmental Report.

3. ASSESSMENT

3.1 The material policy modification has been assessed against the findings of the draft Environmental Report. It is considered that:

- The modification to reduce the overall site area of SAN5 Land North of Main Road, addresses the previously identified surface water flood risk through removal of the area from the site allocation. This will change the overall effects of the policies, as set out in table 5.2 **from uncertain to having no significant effects.**
- The modification in respect of the lower housing capacity numbers on this site is **assessed as not making a significant difference to the respective various effects**

4 CONCLUSIONS & NEXT STEPS

4.1 It is concluded that the material policy modification will not alter the main Draft Environmental Report conclusions (in its Section 9)

4.2 The Plan Finalisation and Monitoring content of Section 10 of the Draft Environmental Report remain unaltered.