

APPENDICES SECTION 12

SEA/SA Assessment of the Preferred Strategy – Mitigation Table

Assessment Test	Recommended Mitigation or Changes	Action for Strategy
<p>1 Promote reduced resource consumption by residents.</p>	<p>Include a statement in text that explicitly states that the strategy will actively seek to identify sites in close proximity to transport nodes.</p>	<p>The Preferred Strategy does accommodate the principle of locating development in close proximity to transport nodes, but it is not expressly stated. In order to address this the following changes have been made to the text of the Preferred Strategy:</p> <p>6:34 In the longer term a significant switch from car to rail is planned and therefore settlements with good access to existing and planned rail services will be favoured, particularly for high-density development. Rail corridors are seen as the most appropriate locations for future development that are likely to generate large numbers of journeys. <u>The proximity of key transport nodes will be a significant consideration in the identification of sites for new development.</u></p> <p>In addition changes to the following policies have been put forward to strengthen the strategy in respect of this issue:</p> <p>SP1 LAND IS IDENTIFIED FOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN AND ADJACENT TO EXISTING TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN ORDER TO MEET ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <p><u>1 PROMOTE RESOURCE EFFICIENT SETTLEMENTS</u></p> <p>SP8 A SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT POLICY IS PURSUED TO REALISE:</p> <p><u>1 A CHANGE IN TRAVEL PATTERNS IN FAVOUR OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND OTHER NON-CAR TRANSPORTATION MODES BY FAVOURING DEVELOPMENT CLOSE TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT NODES</u></p>

<p>1 Promote reduced resource consumption by residents.</p>	<p>Include a statement in the text that outlines that the role and function of a settlement is a major consideration in the identification of allocations</p>	<p>A key component of the Preferred Strategy is that development will be targeted to complement the role and functions of the settlements within the County Borough. However an explicit statement identifying it as a key consideration in the identification of sites for new development would clarify this. As a result the following change has been made to the text of the Preferred Strategy:</p> <p>6.9 Whilst this analysis will inform all Strategy Options it is particularly pertinent to the Preferred Strategy, <u>with the role and function of each settlement being a significant consideration in the identification of sites for new development.</u></p> <p>And the following paragraph has been added:</p> <p><u>6.45 The role and function of individual settlements is a key factor in determining how the strategy responds to their individual needs. Whilst the LDP is required to identify sites for new development it does not mean that all uses are acceptable in all settlements. The appropriateness of uses will be considered against the role and function of each settlement, with only appropriate uses being allocated. In doing this it is proposed to ensure equality of opportunity throughout the County Borough.</u></p> <p>In addition changes to the following policy has been put forward to strengthen the strategy in respect of this issue:</p> <p>SP1 LAND IS IDENTIFIED FOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN AND ADJACENT TO EXISTING TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN ORDER TO MEET ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <p><u>2 SUSTAIN AND PROMOTE THE SPECIFIC ROLE AND FUNCTION OF INDIVIDUAL SETTLEMENTS</u></p>
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<p>4 Promote equality of opportunity</p>	<p>Include a statement in the text that the strategy will address equality in all areas, not just in the provision of community facilities.</p>	<p>The Preferred Strategy addresses the issues of equality of opportunity throughout, although no direct references are made. It is, in fact, the implication of the Preferred Strategy as a whole that will realise this aim. In order to make it clear that this is an integral part of the Preferred Strategy the following paragraph has been added:</p> <p><u>6.45 The role and function of individual settlements is a key factor in determining how the strategy responds to their individual needs. Whilst the LDP is required to identify sites for new development it does not mean that all uses are acceptable in all settlements. The appropriateness of uses will be considered against the role and function of each settlement, with only appropriate uses being allocated. In doing this it is proposed to ensure equality of opportunity throughout the County Borough.</u></p> <p>In addition changes to the following policy has been put forward to strengthen the strategy in respect of this issue:</p> <p>SP1 LAND IS IDENTIFIED FOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN AND ADJACENT TO EXISTING TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN ORDER TO MEET ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <p><u>2 DEVELOP AND USE LAND ON THE BASIS OF OUR ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS</u></p>
<p>5 Provide for business investment and increase the range of job opportunities.</p>	<p>Include a statement in the text outlining how employment opportunities will be delivered in the north to complement housing developments</p>	<p>The LDP can only encourage development by making land available for it through allocations. It cannot, itself, prompt development. It would be the Council's Economic Development Strategy, amongst others, that would be best placed to provide measures that could encourage and realise economic development in the north of the County Borough. As such no change is proposed in respect of this issue.</p>
<p>9 Ensure improvement to air quality</p>	<p>Include a statement in the text relating to how the strategy will deal with industries that could have detrimental impacts upon air quality</p>	<p>These issues are detailed in nature and will addressed directly in the Deposit Plan through more detailed policies.</p>

<p>9 Ensure improvement to air quality</p>	<p>Include a statement in the text to outline that the plan will seek improvements to public transport provision to complement new development.</p>	<p>The issue of linking development location with improvements and increased use of public transport is a central aim of the Preferred Strategy. However, in order to make this clearer the following change to the Preferred Strategy has been proposed:</p> <p>6.23 Opportunities for residential development will be distributed across the whole County Borough but they will be targeted at settlements with good rail or bus services and also mining villages that require additional housing in order to promote and sustain them as viable residential areas. <u>Where appropriate improvements to public transport provision and services will be sought as part of any such development.</u></p> <p>In addition changes to the following policies have been put forward to strengthen the strategy in respect of this issue:</p> <p>SP1 LAND IS IDENTIFIED FOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN AND ADJACENT TO EXISTING TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN ORDER TO MEET ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <p><u>1 PROMOTE RESOURCE EFFICIENT SETTLEMENTS</u></p> <p>SP8 A SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT POLICY IS PURSUED TO REALISE:</p> <p><u>1 A CHANGE IN TRAVEL PATTERNS IN FAVOUR OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND OTHER NON-CAR TRANSPORTATION MODES BY FAVOURING DEVELOPMENT CLOSE TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT NODES</u></p> <p><u>2 AN IMPROVEMENT TO IDENTIFIED PARTS OF THE STRATEGIC FOOTPATH, CYCLEPATH AND HIGHWAY NETWORK IN ORDER TO INCREASE ACCESSIBILITY</u></p>
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<p>12 Ensure the protection of water resources and water quality improved.</p>	<p>Include a statement in the text to outline that the plan will seek obligations, and will include relevant site policies, that will seek to protect water resources and quality, and reduce the impact of flooding.</p>	<p>These issues are detailed in nature and will addressed directly in the Deposit Plan through more detailed policies.</p>
<p>13 Reduce the impact of flooding.</p>	<p>Include a statement in the text to outline that the plan will seek obligations, and will include relevant site related policies, that will seek to protect water resources and quality, and reduce the impact of flooding</p>	<p>The strategy acknowledged the issue of flooding but seeks to consider that against the social and economic benefits of redevelopment and development. Given this stance it is not proposed to amend the strategy in respect of this issue.</p>
<p>14 Ensure the effective use of land and soils including the protection of important geological sites.</p>	<p>Include a statement in the text to outline that the plan will seek mitigation and benefit from development on green field sites.</p>	<p>The Preferred Strategy does not rule out the allocation of Greenfield sites, as it seeks to ensure a sustainable growth pattern across the County Borough Council. However, the Preferred Strategy does not address the potential for Greenfield development to realise mitigation and benefit, most usually in the form of landscape enhancement and biodiversity gain, as a result of development. Consequently the following Change has been proposed to the Preferred Strategy text:</p> <p>6.41 The distribution of the designation of such valued and sensitive areas gives a broad indication of environmental capacity in different parts of the County Borough in relation to the limits of existing settlements. Where settlements are identified for growth, care will be take to ensure that the environment has the capacity to accommodate it whilst having regard for the need to protect and or conserve those aspects of the natural environment that are valued for their landscape, biodiversity or agricultural interest. <u>Where Greenfield sites are identified, consideration will be given to the potential for the development of the sites to realise landscape enhancement and biodiversity gain as a result of their development.</u> This will include the need to consider the creation and maintenance of green corridors for the movement of all species,</p>

		<p>particularly in relation to climate change impacts. This may involve taking a step beyond that of the existing ecological conservation designations and considering the biodiversity of the county borough and the surrounding sub region as a whole.</p> <p>In addition changes to the following policy has been put forward to strengthen the strategy in respect of this issue:</p> <p>SP9 THE COUNCIL WILL NEGOTIATE PLANNING (SECTION 106) OBLIGATIONS WHERE DEVELOPMENT IS REQUIRED TO:</p> <p><u>2 MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF A DEVELOPMENT OR A GROUP OF DEVELOPMENTS ON AN AREA</u></p>
<p>15 Reduce the amount of waste produced and increase the reuse of materials</p>	<p>The strategy should address the issue of waste management facilities in the plan, possible including facilities as community facilities.</p>	<p>The Regional Waste Plan (RWP) is currently in production and is the vehicle through which provision of waste management facilities is initially being considered. However the Regional Waste Plan has yet to be produced in draft form and as such the findings and provisions of the RWP are not yet known. The provisions of the RWP will be incorporated into the Deposit Version of the LDP. Consequently it is not proposed to amend the strategy at the present time.</p>
<p>16 Conserve the biodiversity of the County Borough</p>	<p>Include a statement in the text to outline that the plan will seek provision for enhancement and biodiversity gain from development.</p>	<p>The he issue of planning gain has generally been considered to be a matter to be addressed at the detailed Deposit stage of the LDP. However the issue of realising biodiversity enhancement or gain is at the heart of both the SEA/SA process and the Preferred Strategy. Consequently it is felt that this issue is more appropriately reflected in the preferred Strategy. As a result the following Change has been proposed to the Preferred Strategy text:</p> <p>6.41 The distribution of the designation of such valued and sensitive areas gives a broad indication of environmental capacity in different parts of the County Borough in relation to the limits of existing settlements. Where settlements are identified for growth, care will be take to ensure that the environment has the capacity to accommodate it whilst having regard for the need to protect and or conserve those aspects of the natural environment that are valued for their landscape, biodiversity or agricultural interest. <u>Where Greenfield sites are</u></p>

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<p>17 Assist in meeting climate change obligations primarily through reducing CO2 production.</p>	<p>The strategy will need to address the fact that accommodating new development will result in a net increase in CO2 emissions unless the plan proactively seeks to reduce emissions as part of the development process.</p>	<p>It is acknowledged that by accommodating new development there will be a corresponding increase on CO₂ emissions. However, whilst the Preferred Strategy could acknowledge this fact, it is also a fact that the LDP is required to make provision for land to meet the needs of its authority for the plan period, i.e. allocate land for new development. As such this scenario is a fait accompli. The Preferred Strategy could also make a statement in the text that it would seek the reduction of emissions as part of the development process. However, the inclusion of a Strategic Policy relating directly to this issue is considered to be a more effective and direct way of addressing this issue. Consequently the following policy has been put forward to strengthen the strategy in respect of this issue:</p> <p>SP5 ALL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS ARE REQUIRED TO INCORPORATE RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES TO REDUCE CO2 EMISSIONS BY AT LEAST 10%</p>
<p>18 Reduce the</p>	<p>Include a statement in the text that</p>	<p>The Preferred Strategy does accommodate the principle of locating development in</p>

<p>need to travel, particularly by car</p>	<p>explicitly states that the strategy will actively seek to identify sites in close proximity to transport nodes.</p>	<p>close proximity to transport nodes, but it is not expressly stated. In order to address this the following changes have been made to the text of the Preferred Strategy:</p> <p>6:34 In the longer term a significant switch from car to rail is planned and therefore settlements with good access to existing and planned rail services will be favoured, particularly for high-density development. Rail corridors are seen as the most appropriate locations for future development that are likely to generate large numbers of journeys. <u>The proximity of key transport nodes will be a significant consideration in the identification of sites for new development.</u></p> <p>In addition changes to the following policies have been put forward to strengthen the strategy in respect of this issue:</p> <p>SP1 LAND IS IDENTIFIED FOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN AND ADJACENT TO EXISTING TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN ORDER TO MEET ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <p><u>1 PROMOTE RESOURCE EFFICIENT SETTLEMENTS</u></p> <p>SP8 A SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT POLICY IS PURSUED TO REALISE:</p> <p><u>1 A CHANGE IN TRAVEL PATTERNS IN FAVOUR OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND OTHER NON-CAR TRANSPORTATION MODES BY FAVOURING DEVELOPMENT CLOSE TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT NODES</u></p>
<p>19 Promote the supply and use of renewable energy</p>	<p>The strategy needs to address this issue directly, identifying how the plan will realise increases in renewable energy generation and use.</p>	<p>TAN 8 : Renewable Energy sets out areas where local authorities should look at identifying areas of search for windfarms. However the TAN does not identify any such areas with the County Borough. The Preferred Strategy does acknowledge the potential of the north of the country borough to realise some renewable energy production. However the practical realisation of renewable energy generation lies outside of the scope of the LDP. As such no change is proposed in this respect.</p>
<p>20 Improve the</p>	<p>Include a statement in the text to</p>	<p>A key component of the Preferred Strategy is that development will be targeted to</p>

<p>performance of existing infrastructure</p>	<p>explain that the plan will seek to allocate infrastructure development dependant upon the functional analysis for each settlement.</p>	<p>complement the role and functions of the settlements within the County Borough. As part of this process consideration will be given to the need to improve infrastructure where that is appropriate. As infrastructure development can only realistically follow the allocation of land for development (in the absence of any infrastructure grant funding system) it must follow that infrastructure development will have also have been identified in relation to the role and function of each settlement. Given this the changes proposed above, in respect of the role and function of a settlement being a key factor in the consideration of sites for development, is applicable for this issue. Therefore the following change has been made to the text of the Preferred Strategy:</p> <p>6.9 Whilst this analysis will inform all Strategy Options it is particularly pertinent to the Preferred Strategy, <u>with the role and function of each settlement being a significant consideration in the identification of sites for new development.</u></p> <p>And the following paragraph has been added:</p> <p><u>6.45 The role and function of individual settlements is a key factor in determining how the strategy responds to their individual needs. Whilst the LDP is required to identify sites for new development it does not mean that all uses are acceptable in all settlements. The appropriateness of uses will be considered against the role and function of each settlement, with only appropriate uses being allocated. In doing this it is proposed to ensure equality of opportunity throughout the County Borough.</u></p> <p>In addition changes to the following policy has been put forward to strengthen the strategy in respect of this issue:</p> <p>SP1 LAND IS IDENTIFIED FOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN AND ADJACENT TO EXISTING TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN ORDER TO MEET ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <p><u>2 SUSTAIN AND PROMOTE THE SPECIFIC ROLE AND FUNCTION OF INDIVIDUAL SETTLEMENTS</u></p>
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