

## Appendix 11: SA of Significant Changes

### Part 1: Summary of Changes since Preferred Options Consultation in 2011

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| <b>Development Strategy</b>                                     |  |  |
| <b>SWDP 1:</b> Development Strategy and Settlement Hierarchy    | The number of development strategy principles has been reduced from 12 to 6. Minor wording changes to the settlement hierarchy.  | The development principles that have been removed from this policy include those relating to: reducing the need to travel, making use of existing infrastructure and design/location to reduce the impact of climate change. The overall effect of the loss of these principles is not significant, as the areas have been covered under other policies: travel (SWDP 4), infrastructure (new policy SWDP 6) and climate change/flooding (SWDP 53). One area that has been lost from the policy is the need to meet the varying requirements of business- it is recommended this is picked up elsewhere. Changes to the settlement hierarchy (table 3) include: less references to infrastructure (now addressed in the new policy on infrastructure SWDP 6), minor changes to Rural areas (refer also SWDP 34: Rural Exception sites). The overall effect of the changes to this policy is not considered significant for the purposes of the IA. |
| <b>SWDP 2:</b> Employment, Housing, Retail Supply               | The key change is an increase in new homes (from 20,360 to 23,200) since the Preferred Options document.   | The significant change to policy SWDP 2 is the overall increase in homes by approximately 11 per cent. Much of this will be met through bringing back empty homes into use and an increase of windfall sites across the district of almost 1800, bringing total windfall provision to 2868 across the plan period. The SA of this policy has also been reconsidered in light of consultation feedback, and a re-appraisal is attached.   |
| <b>SWDP 3:</b> Overarching Sustainable Development Requirements | This policy has been amended to remove the detailed sustainable design requirements that were included in the Preferred Options version. These requirements are now contained within | The revision to this policy may require the Councils to take a more proactive and pro-development approach, requiring them to work 'proactively with applicants to find solutions which mean that proposals can be approved wherever possible'. This could lead to more development in the area, however the mitigation measures and   |

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|   | <p>policy SWDP 26: Design. The policy now reflects Central government policy contained in the NPPF, i.e. a presumption in favour of sustainable development.</p>  | <p>checks contained throughout the plan and other policies in the NPPF should help to ensure protection of the environment. Another possible effect is the acceleration of the approval process in individual cases, although it is noted that Local Authorities already have strong incentives to ensure the timely processing of applications.</p> <p>Overall, there is a possibility that with the presumption for sustainable development there will be greater positive effects for economic objectives, and greater negative effects for social and environmental objectives. However there is much uncertainty around its implementation, as this will be dependent on how policy SWDP1 and the NPPF are interpreted by the Planning Authorities, Planning Inspector or higher authority in the event of an appeal or court hearing.</p> <p>The effect of moving the detailed sustainable design requirements to other policies is negligible with respect to the SA, although, as noted in the SA of Policy SWDP (design), this situation should be reviewed for the submission version, to ensure that the latest good practice and legislative requirements for sustainable design are upheld.</p> |
| <p><b>SWDP 4:</b> Moving Around South Worcestershire (to include safeguarding transport infrastructure)</p> | <p>Provides further detail on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• specific transport developments in Worcester</li> <li>• safeguarded sites/corridors in Worcester</li> <li>• requirements for transport assessments</li> <li>• car parking standards.</li> </ul> | <p>The changes to this policy involved updating it to include further detail from the Worcestershire Local Transport Plan 3. This includes further detail on specific developments contained with the LTP3 and listing the sites to be safeguarded. The section on car parking standards has been re-written with a stronger focus on restricting parking (especially for non-residents) in Worcester City. This may have minor positive effects through improving air pollution and greenhouse emissions, but overall the changes are not considered significant for the purposes of the IA.</p>  |
| <p><b>SWDP 5:</b> Green Infrastructure</p>  | <p>Policy includes an additional requirement to ensure development proposals do not compromise the function of existing GI. Other changes are structural (e.g. description of multifunctional benefits of GI).</p>  | <p>The changes to this policy are not likely to have a significant impact on the IA findings, which were already positive for the majority of SA objectives. Ensuring existing GI is protected will have further minor positive effects.</p>   |

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| <b>Allocations</b>                          |   |  |
| <b>SWDP 6:</b> Worcester Allocations        | Changes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deletion of sites SWDP6/8, 6/9</li> <li>• Changes to site SWDP 6/3 (now mixed use), and 6/4 (allocated as a larger site).</li> </ul>  | The deletion of sites 6/8 and 6/9 is not considered to have a significant effect, as both sites are small (20 dwellings each). The change to site SWDP 3 to incorporate mixed uses is supported, with minor positive effects for transport and climate change. The modification to 6/4 is not considered to be significant.  |
| <b>SWDP 7:</b> Worcester City Centre        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SWDP 7/4 increase in dwellings from 200 to 350 and removal of retail area</li> </ul>   | The Shrub Hill site is well-located for public transport and the City Centre and an increase in dwellings at this site will provide positive benefits for SA objectives relating to housing, transport, and communities. However additional housing may also place pressure on infrastructure and parking. These effects will need to be considered at the more detailed design and planning stages. Through removing the retail element, this change will have a less positive effect on employment. Overall, the change is not considered significant to the IA findings.  |
| <b>SWDP 8:</b> Development around Worcester | Changes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SWDP8/1: Further detail on scale and siting of retail provision within the development. Removed reference to need for Secondary School provision on site as County Council provided evidence that it isn't required. An additional buffer to the Northern edge of Norton Barracks Community to protect amenity.</li> <li>• SWDP8/3: Allocation of site has been reduced from 300 to 250 dwellings.</li> <li>• SWDP8/4: Allocation of site has been reduced from 300 to 250 dwellings. Additional criteria to develop the Local Green Infrastructure Network and protect and sustain heritage assets and their setting.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SWDP8/1: None of the changes significantly affect the findings of the SA Report (Integrated Appraisal) (Sept 2011).</li> <li>• SWDP8/3: A reduction in the number of dwellings will slightly reduce the positive effect on housing and slightly reduce the negative effect on climate change, pollution and water.</li> <li>• SWDP8/4: A reduction in the number of dwellings will slightly reduce the positive effect on housing and slightly reduce the negative effect on climate change, pollution and water. Minor positive effect for infrastructure through the development of the local GI network; however, this needs to be considered alongside other impacts on infrastructure. The protection of heritage assets and their setting will slightly reduce negative effects on the historic environment objective.</li> </ul> |
| <b>SWDP 9:</b> Droitwich Spa                | Changes to text include:  | The changes to the policy result in an overall reduction in housing  |

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| Urban Capacity                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of Land Rover Garage site on Hanbury Road (70 homes), as now has permission for 84 dwellings</li> <li>• Addition of 10ha employment land at Stonebridge Cross (see appraisal of new policy SWDP 10)</li> <li>• Additional reference to investment in the shopping centre and existing employment site, and maximising capacity on current employment sites through inward investment.</li> <li>• Reduction in sites from 410 homes to 340 homes.</li> <li>• Additional section 106 funding earmarked for re-opening of the Brine Bath; and funding for new infrastructure for West Murcia Constabulary</li> </ul> | <p>numbers from 410 homes to 340 homes for this policy. The change will not have a significant effect on the SA findings, as the Land Rover Garage site now has planning permission for development and is therefore likely to proceed anyway.</p> <p>Other changes, in particular the addition of 10ha employment land at Stonebridge Cross, may further enhance the already positive economic effects identified for this policy.</p> <p>A reduction in homes overall from 410 to 340 will slightly decrease the positive effects identified for housing, and slightly increase positive environmental effects.</p> |
| <b>SWDP 10:</b> Copcut Lane            | Policy deleted as Planning permission for dwellings and 3.2 ha employment land already granted.  | Deletion of this site has contributed to a drop in housing numbers for policy SWDP 9. The employment land capacity will be met through the extension of the existing Stonebridge cross site, which may have more positive benefits for infrastructure because of existing facilities at the site.   |
| <b>SWDP 11:</b> Evesham Urban Capacity | <p>Key changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The removal of 4 urban capacity sites (SWDP11/2, 11/3, 11/5 &amp; 11/6) and the inclusion of 3 new sites. The changes result in an overall increase of 115 dwellings.</li> <li>• Strengthening of text relating to infrastructure provision, including new pedestrian/cycle bridge connecting Offenham Rd with the High Street and</li> </ul>   | <p>A number of changes have been made to the Evesham urban capacity sites. The main change is the addition of a larger site, 'land around the new leisure centre', which is a new site close to the town centre. Whilst parts of the site are liable to flooding, a large proportion of the site is developable and this is considered to be a more sustainable alternative to a number of the outlying urban capacity sites (namely SWDP 11/2, 11/3, and 11/5) due to its closer proximity to transport and town centre services.</p> <p>Site number 11/6 now has planning permission and has therefore been</p>     |

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|   | <p>over the A46 at Vale Park, as well as further measures to improve public transport.</p>  | <p>deleted from the plan. Two new sites at Offenham Road and land behind Lichfield Avenue and adjacent site have also been selected and are within reasonable proximity to the town centre and road networks.</p> <p>The overall effect of the policy remains as appraised in the Preferred Options document. The previous IA recommendations include ensuring that adequate flood mitigation (including SuDs) and green space are integrated into new development. An additional 200 homes around the new leisure centre also pose potential for adverse effects around access, and possible congestion and pollution, and these will need to be considered further in the development application. The changes to the text will also improve the performance of the policy with regard to infrastructure, transport, pollution and climate change, as they will help to improve public transport, walking and cycling.</p> |
| <p><b>SWDP 12:</b> Evesham Urban Extensions</p>               | <p>Key change to this policy is the provision of an additional 10ha of employment land at the Vale Industrial Park (SWDP 12/3). Other changes include improvements to pedestrian facilities and green infrastructure provision.</p>             | <p>Providing an additional 10ha of employment land is likely to have an increased positive effect on SA objectives relating to the economy and communities. Conversely, there is the potential for greater negative effects on SA objectives relating to pollution, climate change and transport as a result of increased traffic and transport pressure. Strengthening policy wording for pedestrian facilities and green infrastructure will have increased positive effects for the SA objectives relating to transport, climate change and pollution.</p>  |
| <p><b>SWDP 13:</b> Malvern Urban Capacity</p>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addition of text to require development proposals to respect the landscape setting and townscape of Malvern.</li> <li>• Site SWDP 13/3 Land off Welland Rd, Upper Welland has been deleted.</li> </ul> | <p>The changes to this policy are minor: deletion of one site of 24 dwellings, which has reduced the overall number of dwellings from 255 to 231. The policy has been strengthened with regard to landscape, which will help to minimise any possible adverse effects on this SA objective. No significant effect identified.</p>  |
| <p><b>SWDP 14:</b> Malvern Innovation and Technology Park</p> | <p>Minor changes: The QinetiQ site has been renamed to the 'Malvern Innovation and Technology Park' and a few minor changes to wording.</p>   | <p>The changes are not considered significant for the purposes of the IA.</p>  |

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| <b>SWDP 15:</b> Malvern Blackmore Park            | Minor changes to wording.   | The changes are not considered significant for the purposes of the IA.  |
| <b>SWDP 16:</b> Malvern Three Counties Showground | Minor changes to wording.   | The changes are not considered significant for the purposes of the IA.  |
| <b>SWDP 17:</b> Malvern Urban Extension (Newland) | Minor changes to wording.   | The changes are not considered significant for the purposes of the IA.  |
| <b>SWDP 18:</b> Pershore Urban Capacity           | Key changes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The removal of 4 urban capacity sites (SWDP18/3, 18/4, 18/5 &amp; 18/6)</li> <li>Deletion of 7 dwellings from the Priest Lane site.</li> <li>Deletion of 16 dwellings from SWDP 18/7</li> </ul>   | Overall, the changes result in a decrease in dwellings for the Pershore Urban area of 82 dwellings. Whilst some of these now have planning permission, and will therefore proceed anyway, there is an overall reduction in sites. This will help to minimise the previously identified negative effects on emission from traffic growth and congestion. Other positive effects of this change to the policy are identified for landscape and townscapes and heritage. The positive effects identified for housing may be slightly reduced, but will be somewhat compensated for by the addition of Pershore Urban Extension.  |
| <b>SWDP 19:</b> Pershore Urban Extension          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addition of text requiring contribution to emergency services</li> <li>Deletion of reference to Standard Community Infrastructure Levy Payments</li> </ul>   | The deletion of Site SWDP 19/2 (5 ha of employment land) is unlikely to have a significant change on the IA findings, as the site now has planning permission for development and is therefore likely to proceed anyway.  |
| <b>SWDP 20:</b> Tenbury Wells                     | Changes to policy include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addition of 2 sites: Land at The Haven, Oldwood Road (MHTW09)- 10 dwellings and Land adjacent to The Haven, Oldwood Road (MHMT14)- 30 dwellings</li> <li>Update of text to note the recent resolution to grant planning permission for retail, riverside walk and car parking uses has been made for the Cattle Market site</li> <li>New text requiring all development to have regard to heritage and landscape setting of the town</li> </ul> | The addition of 2 sites to the South of Tenbury Wells is unlikely to have a significant effect on the IA findings. The two new sites have been considered against the SA Framework and are found to be generally sustainable, although attention may need to be given to noise attenuation/setbacks for development facing Cross Street. The sites are well located to Tenby High School, but some distance from the town centre. There may be some localised adverse effects on landscape as the sites are not well-connected to existing development and are clearly visible from the A4112. The new text on heritage and landscape setting may help mitigate any adverse effects from new development. |

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| <b>SWDP 21:</b> Upton upon Severn              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A reduction in homes for site SWDP21/1 from 50 to 25 homes</li> <li>• Addition of new site, Land at Greenfields Lane, Tunnel Hill for 18 dwellings</li> </ul>  | As the nearest settlements to Upton Upon Severn beyond the flood plain, there are good sustainability reasons for allocating land in Holly and Tunnel Hill. The site at Holly has been reduced, with the shortfall being met by an allocation of 18 dwellings at Tunnel Hill. The new site is well connected to the existing community at Tunnel Hill. For both sites there are uncertain effects for townscape and landscape, depending on the design of the development. The Tunnel Hill site also has good connections to transport networks (the A4104 and B4211). It is also well connected to walking paths. The overall effect on sustainability of this change is not considered significant. |
| <b>SWDP 22:</b> Rural Employment               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor clarifications to policy text.</li> <li>• Text deleted: Proposals will not generate trips by Heavy Goods Vehicles using unsuitable rural roads.</li> <li>• New text on the expansion of existing rural employment sites- to be supported where issues of traffic generation, landscape character and design can be satisfied</li> <li>• Clarification of text on farm diversification to include: 'for employment, tourism, leisure and recreation uses'</li> <li>• Reuse of rural buildings text amended to consider impacts on traffic generation, landscape and design issues</li> <li>• Guidance on definition and delivery of live/work units added to glossary.</li> </ul> | The policy has been strengthened to ensure better consideration of landscape, design and traffic issues, this is likely to have further minor positive effects on these SA objectives. Overall the policy clarifications are minor and are not considered to have a significant effect on the IA.   |
| <b>SWDP 23:</b> Category 1 Village Allocations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following sites have been deleted: SWDP23/21, SWDP 23/27, SWDP 23/31, SWDP23/36 and SWDP23/37.</li> <li>• Additional sites have been added: Broadway-Averill Close, Inkberrow-</li> </ul>  | Despite an overall increase of 85 dwellings for the Category 1 Villages, the changes are not considered to have a significant effect on the IA, as the increased number of dwellings is spread across a number of settlements. Notwithstanding, there may be some local impacts from the proposed changes, as considered below.   |

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|   | <p>Stonepit Lane/Withybed Lane (previously included sites 23/28 and 23/29), Offenham-Three Cocks Lane, Wychbold- Crown Lane.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further changes have been made to site SWDP 23/24 (increase of 25), SWDP 23/26 (increase of 25 dwellings)SWDP 23/28 and 23/29 (now included in larger site), 23/35 (site boundary revised to accommodate 60)</li> <li>• Overall, the changes have led to an increase of 85 dwellings.</li> <li>• Other minor clarifications to generic policy text for allocations.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Broadway:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is noted that there may be some additional local traffic impacts from the increase of site 23/24 by an additional 25 dwellings.</li> <li>• The addition of a new site at Averill Close may have impacts on local traffic networks, however it is located in a sustainable position, close to shop and facilities, so this will help encourage sustainable transport.</li> </ul> <p><b>Honeybourne</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There may be some additional local traffic impacts from the increase of site 23/26 by an additional 25 dwellings, although the deletion of site 23/27 will help to mitigate this. The consolidation of all housing on one site will help ensure a critical mass to support services.</li> </ul> <p><b>Inkberrow</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three sites now combined which may help to better coordinate planning efforts.</li> </ul> <p><b>Offenham</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land swap of site 23/31 and new site at three Cocks Lane. This is not considered to have a significant effect- both sites are suitable for housing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Wychbold</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deletion of site 23/36 and 23/37- No significant effect</li> <li>• Revision of site boundary for SWDP 23/34 and new site for 60 dwellings at Crown Lane: the new site is well located off the Worcester Road and no significant effects are identified.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>SWDP 24:</b> Category 2 Village Allocations</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total increase of 239 homes</li> <li>• New sites at Ashton Under Hill, Beckford, Crophorne, Drakes Broughton, Pinvin, Sedgeberrow, South Littleton and Upton Snodsbury.</li> <li>• Deletion of site SWDP24/9, SWDP24/10, SWDP24/12, SWDP24/15 and SWDP24/20.</li> </ul>   | <p>Despite an overall increase of 85 dwellings for the Category 1 Villages, the changes are not considered to have a significant effect on the IA, as the increased number of dwellings are spread across a number of settlements. Notwithstanding, there may be some local impacts from the proposed changes, as considered below.</p> <p><b>Ashton Under Hill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New site introduced, opposite Breddon Hill Middle School. This is a small site and unlikely to have a significant effect on the IA findings.</li> </ul>  |

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|                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amendments to allocations SWDP 24/7, 24/8, 24/16 (addition of 290 dwellings plus a new school), 24/18, 24/21, 24/22, 24/23 and 24/24 (reduce allocation), 24/19, 24/27.</li> <li>Other minor clarifications to generic policy text for allocations.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased site size for SWDP 24/7 is to allow for a landscaped area- no significant effect on IA findings.</li> </ul> <p><b>Beckford</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New site for 10 units. This is well located for existing shops and services, therefore potentially positive benefits for communities and transport SA objectives.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bretforten</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An increased allocation( to 48 dwellings)and deletion of Littlebrook Nurseries site are both unlikely to have a significant effect on the IA findings.</li> </ul> <p><b>Crothorne</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deletion of two small (due to planning permission) and addition of another, well-located site for 6 dwellings- considered unlikely to have a significant effect on IA findings.</li> </ul> <p><b>Drakes Broughton</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deletion of existing site and addition of new site (to replace another) - these changes not considered to have a significant effect.</li> </ul> <p><b>Fernhill Heath</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One site has been deleted, and replaced with the expansion of larger site. The additional 290 dwellings will have positive effects for the SA objective relating to housing, although it is noted that the overall increase in population is significant for a town of this size. This may have adverse effects on the local community and on traffic (increased congestion and pollution), and careful and staged planning is recommended to mitigate adverse effects and to ensure the community is not overwhelmed by the new development. Additional infrastructure and services are likely to be required and the new development will need to provide funding for this 9 it is noted a new school will be included at the site).</li> </ul> <p><b>Flyfors Flavell</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A reduction in the allocation from 20 to 12 dwellings and included a village green is considered to be positive for landscape and townscape, but less positive for the SA objective relating to</li> </ul> |

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|   |  | <p>housing.</p> <p><b>Harvington</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor amendment- no significant effect on IA findings.</li> </ul> <p><b>Overbury</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deletion of site will have an adverse effect on local housing, as no further sites are identified in Overbury.</li> </ul> <p><b>Pinvin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One new site for 6 dwellings and reduction of other sites (overall reduction of 15 dwellings). The new site is well-located in the centre of the village- no significant effects identified for IA findings.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sedgeberrow</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New allocations identified for this village; both are reasonably well located and of an appropriate size for the village -no significant effects identified for IA findings.</li> </ul> <p><b>South Littleton</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One new site identified for 6 dwellings and allocation SWDP/24/24 reduced by 10 dwellings. Minor positive effects identified for landscape.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>SWDP 25:</b> Category 3 Village Allocations</p> | <p>Changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deletion of some sites due to the villages being classed as Category 4, or there being historic landscape/design and access issues: SWDP 25/3, 25/5, 25/7,25/11,25/12,25/13,25/14, 25/15, 25/616, 25/17.</li> <li>• New sites: Bishampton-land west of Main St, Cleeve Prior, Conderton, Defford, and Pebworth</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The changes to the Category 3 villages have resulted in a reduction of 65 dwellings (plus planning permission for 26 dwellings).</li> <li>• Where sites have been deleted (in the villages Cleeve Prior, Defford, Hanbury, North and Middle Littleton, Pebworth and Whittington) the effects are not considered to be significant, however it is noted that it may adversely affect housing affordability in these villages, to a minor extent.</li> <li>• Additional small sites in Bishampton, Cleeve Prior, Conderton, Defford and Pebworth are all well-located in relation to the villages they are located in, will contribute to meeting local housing needs and are unlikely to have any significant adverse effects. There may be some localised effects on townscape/landscape which will need to be considered/mitigated for at the detailed planning stage.</li> </ul>  |

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| <b>SWDP 26:</b> Design   | Changes to policy wording- mostly minor, however some new text added on the importance of flexibility/adaption, sustainability and energy performance and traffic/parking.                 | The overall effect of the proposed policy changes is minor for this policy. Minor increased positive effects are identified for SA objectives relating to traffic and transport. Positive effects are likely for the SA objective relating to climate change (although it is noted that the new text on sustainability and energy performance was previously included in Policy SWDP 3. Overarching Sustainable Development principles). This text is no longer as specific as it was (when located in SWDP 3), reflecting the current national situation and it is recommended that the wording be revised for the submission document to ensure it is current with government guidance at the time. |
| <b>SWDP 27:</b> Providing the Right Land for Building and Jobs | Number of changes to policy wording including new criteria for the consideration of proposals for work live units.   | The provision of work live units will have a positive effect on housing as well as an enhanced positive effect for the economy and communities, particularly in rural areas. There will also be enhanced positive effects for SA objectives relating to climate change and travel and transport through reducing the need for commuting, which will also have a positive effect on pollution.   |
| <b>SWDP 28:</b> Creating and Sustaining Vibrant Centres        | Minor changes to policy wording. Policy now includes support for proposals that work to promote a stronger evening and night-time economy that is safe, balanced and socially responsible. | Supporting a stronger evening and night-time economy will enhance the positive effect of the policy against the economy and employment, communities and infrastructure objectives.  |
| <b>SWDP 29:</b> Protection and Provision of Shopping Choice    | Minor changes to policy wording.   | Minor changes - does not significantly affect the findings of the SA Report (Integrated Appraisal) (Sept 2011).   |
| <b>SWDP 30:</b> Housing Mix                                    | Minor changes to the policy including a greater emphasis on the delivery of smaller homes.   | Minor changes - does not significantly affect the findings of the SA Report (Integrated Appraisal) (Sept 2011),   |
| <b>SWDP 31:</b> Meeting Affordable Housing Needs               | Provision of affordable housing has been reduced for smaller sites (between 4 and 14 dwellings) on a sliding scale.  | The provision of a sliding scale of requirement for affordable housing responds to the current economic recession by requiring a lesser amount of affordable homes on smaller development sites. For sites of 5-9 dwellings, the affordable homes requirement will be only 20 % of units; for sites of between 10-14 dwellings, 30 % of dwellings, and for  |

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|   |  | <p>sites of 15 or more dwellings, the figure remains unchanged at 40 %.</p> <p>The effect of this policy is to reduce the amount of affordable homes provided on the smaller sites. However, by relaxing the requirement, the policy is likely to increase the feasibility of smaller developments, which may then be more likely to proceed. The effects of this change are uncertain from an IA perspective and should be closely monitored. Should it be found that the policy is resulting in a significant effect on housing affordability, it should be reviewed, and also in light of any changes to the economic situation that might improve or further worsen development viability.</p>   |
| <b>SWDP 32:</b> Rural Exception Sites   | Minor changes to reflect changes in the evidence base.   | Minor changes - does not significantly affect the findings of the SA Report (Integrated Appraisal) (Sept 2011).  |
| <b>SWDP 33:</b> Accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople | Reference to two broad locations for the possible expansion of existing sites has been removed. Minor changes to the criteria used to assess the suitability of proposals.   | Minor changes - does not significantly affect the findings of the SA Report (Integrated Appraisal) (Sept 2011).  |
| <b>SWDP 34:</b> Replacement of Dwellings in the Open Countryside                | Minor changes, including the addition of criteria to ensure proposals are consistent with policy SWDP 3. Text relating to the re-use of redundant agricultural dwellings has been moved to policy SWDP 22 (old ref) on Rural Employment. | When the detailed appraisals of the Preferred Options were undertaken in 2011, replacement dwellings in the open countryside (SWDP 36) and dwellings for rural workers (SWDP 37) formed a single policy and were appraised together. In the final Preferred Options Public Consultation Document (September 2011) they were split into two separate policies (SWDP 34 & 35). As appraised in 2011, the current policy approach still supports SA objectives for housing and communities by allowing the provision of housing that supports/enable rural based dwellings. With the removal of criteria for the provision of dwellings for rural workers the policy is less likely to have minor positive effects for transport and climate change objectives by reducing the need for commuting. Effects on environmental objectives are still predominantly neutral. |
| <b>SWDP 35:</b> Dwellings for Rural Workers                                     | Number of minor changes to provide further detail or clarification. Separate criteria are now provided for permanent and temporary proposals.  | When the detailed appraisals of the Preferred Options were undertaken in 2011, dwellings for rural workers (SWDP 37) and replacement dwellings in the open countryside (SWDP 36) formed a single policy and were appraised together. In the final Preferred Options Public Consultation Document (September 2011) they were  |

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|  |  | split into two separate policies (SWDP 34 & 35). As appraised in 2011, current policy approach still supports SA objectives for housing and communities by allowing the provision of housing that supports/enable rural based dwellings. Where proposals are associated with a specific rural business/ industry, positive effects are enhanced and are more likely to be realised in the long term by supporting work/home co-locations; improving business viability. Effects for environmental objectives are predominantly neutral. Some minor positive effects for transport, climate change objectives are possible in the long term by reducing the need for commuting. |
| <b>SWDP 36:</b> Tourist Development                                    | Minor changes to wording, including a greater emphasis on promoting the public enjoyment and understanding of the historic environment.  | Minor changes - does not significantly affect the findings of the SA Report (Integrated Appraisal) (Sept 2011).  |
| <b>SWDP 37:</b> Visitor Accommodation                                  | A number of changes to the policy wording, in particular for hotels and bed and breakfast; however, the essence of the policy has not significantly changed. The criteria still seek to protect amenity and ensure that any proposal within the urban area is close to public transport links. An additional criterion has been added to hotels and bed and breakfast ensure that proposals for extensions to established hotels in rural locations respect the existing building character and wider landscape setting. A criterion for self catering proposals has been removed which related to locating proposals close to public transport and a range of services. | Minor changes - does not significantly affect the findings of the SA Report (Integrated Appraisal) (Sept 2011).  |
| <b>SWDP 38:</b> Static and Touring Caravans, Chalets and Camping Sites | Minor changes to policy, including the requirement for any proposal to be well screened from environmentally sensitive locations make adequate provision for suitable foul drainage.   | Minor changes - does not significantly affect the findings of the SA Report (Integrated Appraisal) (Sept 2011).  |
| <b>SWDP 39:</b> Waterfronts  | An additional criterion has been added to  | The change will have positive effect on SA objectives relating to  |

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|  | protect and improve biodiversity, habitats and Green Infrastructure linkages.   | biodiversity and infrastructure through protecting and enhancing biodiversity, habitats and Green Infrastructure.   |
| <b>SWDP 40:</b> Marinas and Moorings   | Minor change - inclusion of an added criterion relating to placement of riverside moorings so they don't interfere with the navigation of the waterway.   | Minor change - does not significantly affect the findings of the SA Report (Integrated Appraisal) (Sept 2011).  |
| <b>SWDP 41:</b> Residential Moorings   | Minor changes to policy wording to provide further detail/ clarification.   | Minor changes - does not significantly affect the findings of the SA Report (Integrated Appraisal) (Sept 2011).   |
| <b>SWDP 42:</b> Indoor Leisure and Community Facilities                        | No changes made to policy.  | No change to SA.  |
| <b>A Better Environment</b>  |   |   |
| <b>SWDP 43:</b> Local Green Networks   | <b>Deleted</b>  | This policy has been deleted, although the intent of the policy is covered in Policy SWDP 5: Green Infrastructure. No significant change to SA.   |
| <b>SWDP 44:</b> Protecting Open Space for Sport and Recreation                 | No changes made to policy.  | No change to SA.  |
| <b>SWDP 45:</b> Provision of Open Space and Recreation Uses in New Development | Minor wording changes; also the threshold for development requiring on-site provision of open space has been dropped from 10 dwellings to 5 dwellings.  | The policy now requires open space to be provided on-site for developments exceeding 5 dwellings. This is likely to have further minor positive benefits for landscape, health and biodiversity though increasing the overall provision of open space. However it is recommended that the first sentence of the policy be clarified to include the term 'on-site' open space.   |
| <b>SWDP 46:</b> Renewable and Low Carbon Energy                                | Policy previously titled 'Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy'.<br>Now requires all new developments to reduce CO2 from residual energy use by at least 10 per cent (and states that off-site sources can be considered); provides further clarification on combined heat and power (CHP) facilities and requires consideration of CHP in all developments over 50 dwellings; includes further consideration of development viability; removal of Code for Sustainable Homes | The changes made to this policy will have mixed effects on the SA findings. Previously only major developments were required to reduce Co2 from residual energy by 20 per cent. This has now been strengthened with major developments still requiring a 20 per cent reduction, but minor development now requiring at least 10 per cent. This is likely to have further positive effects on the SA objective relating to climate change. However the policy also introduces a more flexible approach to targets, allowing development viability to be taken into account; thus potentially cancelling any positive gains.<br>The expanded criteria for off-site renewable and low carbon energy schemes are likely to increase the positive effects for SA objectives relating to landscape, biodiversity and communities. |

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|   | target (but now covered in policy SWDP 26); expanded criteria for off-site renewable and low carbon energy schemes.  |   |
| <b>SWDP 47:</b> Management of Flood Risk                          | No changes made to policy.   | No change to SA.  |
| <b>SWDP 48:</b> Water Supply and Treatment                        | Changes to policy wording, from 'proposals that would result in a <u>reduction</u> in quality or quantity of groundwater' to 'proposals that would result in <u>unacceptable risk</u> to quality or quantity of groundwater or <u>surface</u> water. | The changes to this policy are considered to reduce the positive effects previously identified for the SA objective relating to water. It is recommended that a more stringent approach is required, perhaps including wording that requires all new development to seek to minimise any potential impact on the groundwater or surface water supply. Alternatively the Councils should define what is considered to be an acceptable risk. |
| <b>SWDP 49:</b> Vale of Evesham Heavy Goods Vehicles Control Zone | No changes made to policy.   | No change to SA.  |
| <b>SWDP 50:</b> Implementation, Phasing and Monitoring/ CIL       | Replaced by new Policy SWDP 06 & Appendix Y on Infrastructure  | This is a significant change that strengthens the Council's approach to infrastructure. Refer to the new SA of Policy 6 Infrastructure, included in this appendix.  |
| <b>SWDP 51:</b> Monitoring Framework                              | A detailed monitoring framework is being produced by the Councils.   | SA monitoring recommendations to be provided to the Councils.   |
| <b>New Policies</b>   |  |   |
| Making effective use of land                                      | <b>New Policy</b>  | New policy - please refer to Part 2 of Appendix II for the detailed appraisal.  |
| Infrastructure  | <b>New Policy</b>  | New policy - please refer to Part 2 of Appendix II for the detailed appraisal.  |
| Housing to meet the needs of elderly people                       | <b>New Policy</b>  | New policy - please refer to Part 2 of Appendix II for the detailed appraisal.  |
| Historic Environment  | <b>New Policy</b>  | New policy - please refer to Part 2 of Appendix II for the detailed appraisal.  |
| The Cotswolds AONB  | <b>New Policy</b>  | New policy - please refer to Part 2 of Appendix II for the detailed appraisal.  |
| Landscape Character   | <b>New Policy</b>  | New policy - please refer to Part 2 of Appendix II for the detailed appraisal.  |
| Biodiversity / Geodiversity                                       | <b>New Policy</b>  | New policy - please refer to Part 2 of Appendix II for the detailed appraisal.  |

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| Telecommunications and Broadband | <b>New Policy</b> | New policy - please refer to Part 2 of Appendix II for the detailed appraisal. |
| Stonebridge Cross Business Park  | <b>New policy</b> | New policy - please refer to Part 2 of Appendix II for the detailed appraisal. |

**Revised appraisal of Policy SWDP 2**

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| <b>Appraisal Summary</b>   | +   | +/?                       | ?              | ++      | +   | ?      | ?              | -     | ?                    | ?                           | -?                      | ?                    | ?         | ?     |
| <b>SWDP Policy No: 2</b>   | <b>Employment, Housing and Retail Supply (see SWDP for full policy wording)</b> |                           |                |         |   |        |                |       |                      |                             |                         |                      |           |       |
| <p><b>Socioeconomic Effects</b><br/>The policy proposals for employment, housing and retail supply provide good support for SA objectives aiming to promote employment and improve skills and opportunities for local people. Community objectives are also supported in the long term by the policy which directs growth proportionately with the highest volume of homes and employment land allocated to existing urban and market centres. There is the potential for some short term disbenefit to existing communities arising from the disturbance effects of new development. The policy also ensures that the identity of the smaller/ rural settlements is maintained by managing development volumes, but also supported in the long term by allowing new/proportionate growth in suitable areas. Good support for health objectives by placing developments where services exist or can be enhanced/ established for communities.</p> <p><b>Environmental Effects</b><br/>The policy supports SA aims to protect biodiversity and landscape/ GI assets by focusing major development in or adjacent to urban areas, however the overall effect of development on landscape/townscape and the historic environment is uncertain, as it will depend on the design and planning of individual settlements. Towns and small villages will support reduced/ proportionate levels of development, which in combination with GI and sustainable development policies will help to provide protection of biodiversity assets and locally valued landscape features. Effects on water are uncertain and whilst policy protection for water resources and quality is in place, overall effects will depend on the phasing and individual features of site based development.<br/>The increase in overall development proposed for the submission DPD (by approximately 11 per cent) may further exacerbate any cumulative effects on landscape and townscape in particular, but also on water, biodiversity and infrastructure. This additional development is also likely to lead to increased adverse effects on traffic congestion and air pollution.</p> <p><b>Key Positive Sustainability Effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Employment, housing and retail allocations support and enhance established urban centres and smaller market towns communities proportionately</li> <li>■ Positive effects for communities</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Negative Sustainability Effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Potential short term pressures on existing communities from new/ increased development and influx of new population</li> <li>■ Potential for adverse cumulative effects on landscape, and also for water, biodiversity and infrastructure, transport and air pollution.</li> </ul> |   |                           |                |         |   |        |                |       |                      |                             |                         |                      |           |       |

## PART 2: New policies

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| <b>New Policy</b> | <b>Making Effective Use of Land</b>   |                           |                |         |   |        |                |       |                      |                             |                         |                      |           |       |
| <b>Summary</b>    | <p>Policy strongly supports the majority of SA objective aims, with particular long-term benefits for the SA objectives on housing, economy, infrastructure, travel and landscape. The policy focuses on ensuring suitable housing densities (set at different levels for urban, urban edge and rural environments), the reuse of previously developed land, the return of empty properties, and minimising use of agricultural land. There is also an emphasis on design quality and protection of heritage and ecological/biodiversity value.</p> <p><b>Key Positive Sustainability Effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive effects for housing, through delivering sustainable housing consistent with local character.</li> <li>Positive effects for communities through regenerating existing settlements.</li> <li>Positive effects for economy through returning empty properties to productive use.</li> <li>Positive effects for infrastructure through maximising existing properties and encouraging development in areas where existing infrastructure exists.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Negative Sustainability Effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uncertain effects for air quality as may increase congestion in urban areas. This will need to be considered on a case by case basis.</li> </ul> |                           |                |         |   |        |                |       |                      |                             |                         |                      |           |       |

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| <b>Appraisal Summary</b>  |                        | +                         | ++             | 0       | +   | +      | ?              | -?    | +                    | +                           | -?                      | ?                    | ?         | ?     |
| <b>New Policy</b>   | <b>Infrastructure</b>  |                           |                |         |   |        |                |       |                      |                             |                         |                      |           |       |
| <p><b>Summary</b><br/>                     This new policy supports the SA objective relating to infrastructure through ensuring that the necessary infrastructure will be brought forward to support development, and that new development will provide or contribute towards the provision of infrastructure. The means for doing this will be provided through the Community Infrastructure Levy that the Councils are proposing to introduce in 2014. The policy also requires the necessary infrastructure to be in place at the time of a development's completion.<br/>                     Through the addition of this policy and preparation of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan Interim Position Statement, the approach to infrastructure has been strengthened. The Position Statement sets out the position for physical, social and green infrastructure; and for infrastructure costing, funding mechanisms and delivery. Once further developed and implemented, this will have a significant positive effect for infrastructure, economy and the community. Other positive effects are likely for biodiversity (through implementation of green infrastructure) and travel and transport. Health and communities will benefit from proposed social infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Key Positive Sustainability Effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive effects for infrastructure.</li> <li>Positive effects for communities and health through helping to ensure needs are met.</li> <li>Positive effects for economy through ensuring that necessary crucial infrastructure is available to support development.</li> <li>Positive effects for Biodiversity, water and health through implementation of green infrastructure</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Negative Sustainability Effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uncertain effects for air quality as may increase congestion in urban areas. This will need to be considered on a case by case basis.</li> <li>Other uncertain effects for biodiversity, landscape and historic environment, depending on implementation.</li> </ul> |                        |                           |                |         |   |        |                |       |                      |                             |                         |                      |           |       |

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| <b>New Policy</b>   | <b>Housing to meet the needs of elderly people</b> |                           |                |         |   |        |                |       |                      |                             |                         |                      |           |       |
| <p><b>Summary</b><br/>This new policy will enable the provision of extra care housing and supported housing for elderly people where it is most needed and in locations with the appropriate facilities, transport and services to meet the needs of the elderly. This will have especially positive effects for the strengthening communities objective and affordable housing objective. The housing will be provided on allocated and windfall sites, therefore will have no additional impacts on biodiversity, landscape etc. than is identified for the plan as a whole.</p> <p><b>Key Positive Sustainability Effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Significant positive effects for strengthening communities and housing, both short and long term.</li> <li>■ Positive effects also for economy, infrastructure, health and transport SA objectives.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Negative Sustainability Effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ None identified.</li> </ul> |  |                           |                |         |   |        |                |       |                      |                             |                         |                      |           |       |

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| <b>New Policy</b>   | <b>Historic Environment</b> |                           |                |         |   |        |                |       |                      |                             |                         |                      |           |       |
| <p><b>Summary</b><br/>This policy aims to conserve and enhance areas, buildings or items of special historic, archaeological, architectural, artistic, landscape or townscape significance. It does this by ensuring that ‘Development proposals will only be supported where these conserve, or where appropriate enhance the significance of heritage assets and their setting’. The policy takes a wide definition of heritage and includes text to encourage a proactive approach through the creative re-use and adaptation of heritage assets. Through ensuring a better recognition of the importance of heritage assets, this policy is likely to have significant positive effects on the historic environment, landscapes and townscapes.</p> <p><b>Key Positive Sustainability Effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive long-term effects for the historic environment</li> <li>Positive long-term effects also for landscape and townscape and quality design.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Negative Sustainability Effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No significant strategic effects, however it is noted there can be conflicts between heritage protection and economic development for some projects.</li> </ul> |                             |                           |                |         |   |        |                |       |                      |                             |                         |                      |           |       |

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| Appraisal Summary   | ?  | 0                         | 0              | 0       | +   | 0      | 0              | 0     | 0                    | 0                           | ++                      | +                    | 0         | 0     |
| New Policy  | The Cotswolds and Malvern Hills Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) |                           |                |         |   |        |                |       |                      |                             |                         |                      |           |       |
| <p><b>Summary</b><br/>This policy will help to ensure that the nationally-important landscapes of the Cotswolds and Malvern Hills AONBs are protected from inappropriate development, whether through new builds or the conversion or extension of existing development. Through ensuring that any development proposal must complement and enhance the special qualities of the landscape and be in accordance with the AONB Management Plan, the policy will help to maintain, and potentially enhance the landscape values of these areas. The overall effect on the economy of this protection is uncertain, as it may restrict some forms of economic activity/development, but encourage others (particularly tourism). Positive effects for the SA objectives relating to landscape and townscape, the historic environment and design.</p> <p><b>Key Positive Sustainability Effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long-term significant positive effects for landscape and townscape</li> <li>Positive effects for historic environment and quality design</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Negative Sustainability Effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possible conflicts with economic objectives, but also some positive effects (eg for tourism).</li> </ul> |  |                           |                |         |   |        |                |       |                      |                             |                         |                      |           |       |

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| Appraisal Summary   | 0                      | 0                         | 0              | 0       | +   | 0      | 0              | 0     | 0                    | 0                           | ++                      | +                    | 0         | 0     |
| New Policy  | Landscape Character    |                           |                |         |   |        |                |       |                      |                             |                         |                      |           |       |
| <p><b>Summary</b><br/>This policy ensures that the plan has a stronger focus on landscape by ensuring that development proposals have regard to the districts' landscape character assessment, are appropriate to their landscape setting, and enhance the character of the natural and built environment. The policy will help to maintain, and potentially enhance both landscapes and townscapes and the historic environment, and is also positive for the SA objective on quality design.</p> <p><b>Key Positive Sustainability Effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long-term significant positive effects for landscape and townscape</li> <li>Positive effects for historic environment and quality design</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Negative Sustainability Effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None identified</li> </ul> |                        |                           |                |         |   |        |                |       |                      |                             |                         |                      |           |       |

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| Appraisal Summary   | ?                             | 0                         | 0              | 0       | 0   | +      | +              | 0     | 0                    | ++                          | +                       | 0                    | 0         | +     |
| New Policy  | Biodiversity and geodiversity |                           |                |         |   |        |                |       |                      |                             |                         |                      |           |       |
| <p><b>Summary</b><br/>This policy aims to protect biodiversity and geodiversity within the plan area and outside of its boundaries, with a particular focus on designated sites (whether European, National or locally-important).</p> <p>Through protecting biodiversity, the policy is also likely to have indirect positive effects for landscape and water. The policy's support for the enhancement of biodiversity and requirement for development to contribute towards securing coherent, robust ecological networks will also help the area's habitats and species to adapt to climate change.</p> <p>The effect of the policy on economy is uncertain; in some cases it could lead to refusal of development; however there are also positive long term effects to the economy and employment from encouraging biodiversity protection, especially in relation to encouraging tourism. The protection and enhancement of biodiversity, including aquatic biodiversity can also have positive effects for human health in the long term.</p> <p><b>Key Positive Sustainability Effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long-term significant positive effects for Biodiversity and geodiversity through ensuring protection and enhancement.</li> <li>Positive indirect effects for health, climate change, landscape and water.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Negative Sustainability Effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None identified</li> </ul> |                               |                           |                |         |   |        |                |       |                      |                             |                         |                      |           |       |

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| <b>New Policy</b>  | <b>Telecommunications and broadband</b> |                           |                |         |   |        |                |       |                      |                             |                         |                      |           |       |
| <p><b>Summary</b><br/>This new policy supports the SA objective relating to infrastructure through ensuring that new development contributes to high speed broadband services across the South Worcestershire area. In doing so, it considers the potential negative impacts of broadband cabling on heritage, health (through radiation) and the environment and provides mitigation measures to minimise any adverse effects.</p> <p>The policy is likely to have positive effects for the economy and employment through its support of hworking, which can reduce the need to travel, and consequently reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. Overall, this is a positive policy for sustainability.</p> <p><b>Key Positive Sustainability Effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive effects for infrastructure.</li> <li>Positive effects for economy and employment and for strengthening communities.</li> <li>Neutral effects for other objectives, provided policy mitigations are implemented. Some uncertainty remaining for landscape, biodiversity and historic environment, although unlikely, given mitigation</li> </ul> |   |                           |                |         |   |        |                |       |                      |                             |                         |                      |           |       |

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| Appraisal Summary  | ++                                     | +                         | +              | 0       | +   | +      | ?              | ?     | ?                    | 0                           | 0                       | 0                    | ?         | ?     |
| <b>New Policy SWDP 10</b>  | <b>Stonebridge Cross Business Park</b> |                           |                |         |   |        |                |       |                      |                             |                         |                      |           |       |
| <p><b>Summary</b><br/>                     This new policy provides for a further extension of 10ha of employment land to the west of the Stonebridge Cross Business Park to accord with the economic development strategy. The policy proposes a sustainable and well designed extension that includes phased delivery of employment land, improved accessibility through walking, cycling and public transport, and appropriate landscaping. The policy will have positive effects for economy and employment, communities (through providing employment opportunities), and quality design. Though encouraging walking and cycling it may also have positive benefits for health. Mitigation (plantings) is proposed to reduce the effect on landscape. Effects on climate change and travel are uncertain; the site may encourage more vehicular traffic, depending on the implementation of accessibility improvements.</p> <p><b>Key Positive Sustainability Effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive effects for economy and communities through encouraging economic development and new jobs.</li> <li>Positive effects for design and infrastructure and health.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Negative Sustainability Effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uncertain effects for climate change, travel, waste, pollution and water, as effects are dependent on implementation and the end-users of the business park (including arrangements for public transport and water efficiency).</li> </ul> |  |                           |                |         |   |        |                |       |                      |                             |                         |                      |           |       |