

Appendix 1: Statement on Compliance with SEA Directive & Regulations

The EU SEA Directive¹ (Annex 1) requires certain information to be provided in the Environmental Report. This requirement is implemented into UK legislation through the SEA Regulations (2004)². This is Appendix 1 of the Sustainability (Integrated) Report that constitutes the Environmental Report as required by the SEA Directive and the UK SEA Regulations. This Appendix 1 sets out how the requirements for SEA have been met and signposts where this information is found in the Sustainability Report (November 2012) – and in accordance with paragraph 165 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2012)³. The Sustainability (Integrated) Report comprises a Scoping Report (2007), a Main SA Report (November 2012) with a Non-Technical Summary, and including 11 appendices with details provided separately; this constitutes the Environmental Report for the purposes of the SEA Directive.

SEA Directive & Regulation Requirements	Report Section	Details
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An outline of the contents, main objectives of the plan and relationship with other relevant plans 	Section 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sets out the vision and main objectives of the South Worcestershire Development Plan.
	Section 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarises the relationship with other plans and references the detailed review provided in the SA Scoping Report (July 2007); and updated in 2011-12 (Appendix 9).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without the implementation of the plan 	Section 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarises the relevant baseline conditions for sustainability (including the state of relevant environmental aspects) in the South Worcestershire area. The information is set out in more detail in the SA Scoping Report (July 2007) which also indicates the likely evolution of current conditions ('trends') where available; and updated in 2011-12 (Appendix 9).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The environmental characteristics of the area likely to be affected 	Section 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where relevant and available this information is provided in the SA Scoping Report.

¹ <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eia/sea-legalcontext.htm>

² <http://www.parliament.uk/documents/post/postpn223.pdf>

³ https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/6077/2116950.pdf

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any existing environmental problems which are relevant to the plan including, in particular, those relation to any areas of a particular environmental importance 	Section 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarises existing sustainability (including environmental problems) for the South Worcestershire area; and updated in 2011-12 (Appendix 9). This section also provides initial screening information for Natura 2000 sites in line with Habitats Regulations Assessment requirements.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The environmental protection objectives relevant to the plan and the way those objectives and any environmental considerations have been taken into account during its preparation 	Section 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refers to the SA Scoping Report (July 2007 which provides the summary of objectives for sustainability in South Worcestershire (including environmental objectives) and the implications of these objectives for the SWDP; and updated in 2011-12 (Appendix 9).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The likely significant effects on the environment including on issues such as biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climatic factors, material assets, cultural heritage including architectural and archaeological heritage, landscape and the interrelationship between the above factors. These effects should include secondary, cumulative, synergistic, short, medium and long-term permanent and temporary, positive and negative effects 	Section 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presents the SA Framework of objectives which shows which of the issues listed by the SEA Regulations are progressed by which SA objectives. This assures that all of the issues are considered during the assessment of each part of the SWDP – since each policy is assessed against each SA objective.
	Sections 4 to 10 Appendices 2 to 6 & 10-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarise the likely significant effects of implementing the SWDP (including environmental effects) and the detail is provided in the appendices. Where possible, an indication is given of whether the effect is likely to be cumulative, short, medium and long term.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as 	Sections 4 to 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where potential significant adverse effects are predicted the SA has sought to provide suggestions for potential

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possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan	Appendices 2 to 6 & 10-11	mitigations. These are provided in the appraisal matrices and summarised in section 5.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with, and a description of how the assessment was undertaken including any difficulties encountered in compiling the required information 	Section 4 Table 4.1 Appendix 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternatives were considered as part of the Issues & Options and the Preferred Options (2011) using the SA process/ against the SA Framework. The reasons for rejecting/selecting reasonable alternatives in 2007 is summarised in Table 4.1 (page 20). A change in the housing numbers was proposed in 2012 and taken forward into the SWDP Pre-Submission document. This was re-appraised and reported on in July 2012 and included in this SR in Appendix 11. The reasons for selecting/rejecting reasonable alternatives remain valid in 2012.
	Sections 2 & 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outlines how the assessment was undertaken – the appraisal methodology and difficulties encountered in compiling information are noted in Section 3.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A description of the measures envisaged concerning monitoring 	Section 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides measures proposed for monitoring the sustainability (and environmental) effects of the SWDP implementation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A non-technical summary of the information provided under the above headings 	Report preface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a non-technical summary.