



## **Sustainability Appraisal Report**

### **Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Plan – Issues and Options**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Plan 2011 – 2031 is the key development plan document (DPD) for shaping the future of development in the borough up to 2031 and was adopted by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (N&BBC) on 11 June 2019. The Borough Plan influences the development that will take place, including how much there will be and where it will be located. The Plan outlines a spatial vision and strategic objectives for the area, along with a strategy and policies to enable its delivery. The Borough Council has committed to undertaking an immediate review of the adopted Borough Plan following the publication of the updated National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The Issues and Options document is the first stage of producing a new Borough Plan.

As a result of the review of relevant plans, policies, and programmes some of the main issues to take into account in the Borough Plan are to: improve air quality; encourage more use of renewable energy; enhance, maintain, and protect the historic and natural environment; diversify the town centres, improve accessibility to key services and green spaces; increase health of residents; and provide new high-quality homes for all and encourage sustainable economic growth.

An assessment of the existing baseline data for the Borough identified the following sustainability issues and problems: weekly pay below regional and national averages; need to diversify town centres; no Green Flag green spaces; high levels of deprivation and links to life expectancy; low levels of biodiversity; ageing population; poor water quality; and high dependency on car for travel. Predicting the likely evolution of the environment without the plan is hard to predict but the identified sustainability issues and problems are likely to continue unabated if the Borough Plan is not progressed.

From the review, the baseline data, and the identified sustainability issues and problems a set of 19 sustainability appraisal (SA) objectives have been formulated. These formed the basis for assessing, analysing, and comparing the sustainability effects of the Borough Plan. A seven-point scale was used for assessing effects ranging from a significant positive effect to a significant negative effect.

Assessment of the vision and the nine objectives of the Borough Plan showed no obvious incompatible elements. The assessment showed that none of the Borough Plan objectives met SA objective 6, to conserve and enhance the historic environment and, thus, to improve the assessment the Borough Plan objective 7 was amended to include historic as well as natural environments.

The options proposed within the Borough Plan were assessed against the 19 SA objectives and the long-term effects of these are summarised in the table below. In sustainability terms the following options have come out as the most sustainable of the options put forward in the Issues and Options document of the Borough Plan:

- The option to provide new employment through extension of existing employment estates with no focus on a particular area within the borough;
- The options to set out the existing employment areas within which non-employment uses would be acceptable and to restrict the number of non-employment uses that each employment area can accommodate;
- The option to prioritise new residential developments in the existing urban areas of the Borough followed by land in the countryside that is not Green Belt, and then Green Belt land.
- The option to prioritise new employment development to the most sustainable locations no matter whether it is designated as countryside or Green Belt.
- The option to locate new residential development to within the existing settlement boundaries;
- The option to set out that use class E and C3 (residential) uses are acceptable in the primary and secondary frontages of the town centres; and
- The options to reassess and redraw the extent of the primary and secondary frontages and to retain their extent.

Summary tables of the scoring of the long-term effects of the options presented in the Borough Plan Issues and Options document

SA Objectives	Question 4 – location of new employment estates			Question 6 – non-employment uses in employment estates				
	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
1	++	+	+	?	?	?	?	?
2	-	--	--	?	?	?	?	?
3	-	--	--	?	?	?	?	?
4	+	--	--	?	?	?	?	?
5	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
6	++	++	++	+	+	++	++	+
7	-	--	--	?	?	?	?	?
8	-	-	-	?	?	?	?	?
9	-	--	--	?	?	?	?	?
10	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	+	+	+	+	+	++	++	+
13	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
14	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?

15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
17	--	--	--	?	?	?	?	?
18	-	-	-	?	?	?	?	?
19	-	-	-	?	?	?	?	?

SA Objectives	Question 7 – residential and green belt			Question 8 – employment and green belt			Question 11 – location of new residential developments		
	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
1	++	++	++	-	-	++	++	++	-
2	++	++	-	--	--	--	++	--	--
3	++	++	++	--	--	++	++	++	--
4	+	+	++	-	-	++	+	++	-
5	-	-	++	+	+	+	-	+	+
6	+	+	+	++	++	++	+	+	+
7	++	+	++	-	--	++	++	++	--
8	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
9	++	++	-	--	--	--	++	--	--
10	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
11	++	++	++	?	?	?	++	++	++
12	++	++	++	+	+	+	++	+	-
13	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
14	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
15	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
16	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
17	++	++	-	--	--	--	++	--	--
18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
19	+	+	++	-	-	++	?	++	-

SA Objectives	Question 17 – use classes in town centres				Question 19 – frontages in town centres		
	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option A	Option B	Option C
1	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
2	?	?	?	?	-	+	+
3	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
4	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
5	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
6	++	+	++	++	+	+	+
7	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
8	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
9	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
10	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
11	+	+	+	++	?	?	?
12	++	++	++	++	?	?	?
13	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
14	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
15	+	+	+	+	?	?	?
16	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
17	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
18	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
19	?	?	?	?	?	?	?

A suite of monitoring indicators and targets for the SA objectives will be produced at the next stage of the sustainability appraisal process.

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

### BACKGROUND

- 1.0 The Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Plan 2011 – 2031 is the key development plan document (DPD) for shaping the future of development in the borough up to 2031 and was adopted by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (N&BBC) on 11 June 2019. The Borough Plan influences the development that will take place, including how much there will be and where it will be located. The Plan outlines a spatial vision and strategic objectives for the area, along with a strategy and policies to enable its delivery.
- 1.1 The Borough Council has committed to undertaking an immediate review of the adopted Borough Plan following the publication of the updated National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The current Local Development Scheme (2020) sets out the timetable for the review of the Borough Plan which is as follows:
- May 2021 – consultation on an Issues and Options document;
  - January 2022 – consultation on a publication document;
  - July 2022 – submission of the document to the Secretary of State;
  - January 2023 – receipt of Inspector’s report on the examination of the document; and
  - February 2023 – adoption of the document.
- 1.2 The Borough Plan is a development plan document and, therefore, needs to be accompanied by a Sustainability Appraisal (SA). Sustainability Appraisal helps ensure that the DPD is prepared with a view to contributing to the achievement of sustainable development. Integrating SA into the preparation process is fundamental to producing a sound DPD.

### NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH CONTEXT

- 1.3 Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough is located in northern Warwickshire, in the West Midlands, containing the second largest population (125,300, 2011 Census, but estimated in mid-2019 to be 129,883) in the County but is the smallest in geographical area at 79.3km<sup>2</sup>. The Borough is predominately urban in character and consists of the two market towns of Nuneaton and Bedworth and the large village of Bulkington situated in the Green Belt to the east of Bedworth.
- 1.4 Some of the key issues and challenges facing the Borough are set out below. These issues are explored later in this report.

- Nuneaton and Bedworth have good transport links and are situated at the heart of the motorway network and both towns are easily accessible from the M1, M5, M6, M42 and the M69. The Borough is a 19-minute drive to Birmingham International Airport, and a 37-minute drive to Nottingham East Midlands Airport. Nuneaton is on the main London – Glasgow intercity line with a travel time to London of between 60 - 80 minutes.
- The Borough has a diverse economy. The most common business sector is Manufacturing. Other significant sectors are Wholesale & Retail Trade; Health & Social Work; Transport and Storage; and Communication. The business base of the Borough's local economy is a mixture of small and medium-sized firms.
- Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough has the highest levels of deprivation in Warwickshire.
- In the health profile for the Borough in 2019, male and female life expectancy remains below the average in England at 77.61 for males and 82.34 for females compared to 79.67 for males and 83.33 for females as a national average.
- There are no green spaces in Nuneaton and Bedworth which have a Green Flag Award.
- The Borough contains 1 European Site (Ensor's Pool Special Area of Protection), 2 SSSIs, and 3 Local Nature Reserves.
- The Borough contains 92 Listed Buildings, 2 Registered Historic Parks and Gardens, and five Conservation Areas that are designated for their 'special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which is desirable to preserve or enhance'.

### **PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT**

- 1.5 Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) are mandatory for all DPDs. Sustainability appraisals incorporate the requirements of strategic environmental assessments by ensuring that potential environmental effects are given full consideration alongside social and economic issues. Therefore, by doing a SA a SEA is also undertaken but for the benefit of simplicity this document is referred to solely as a 'Sustainability Appraisal'.
- 1.6 The first part of the SA process is a Scoping Report which represents Stage A of the SA process (Table 1 below sets out the stages that form the entire process). The Scoping Report identified the key issues of concern for the SA and the future tasks

relating to Stages B to E. It helped to identify key environmental issues and impacts to ensure that they are recognized and addressed in the most appropriate manner possible. This is an important stage as it ensures sustainability is a key aspect for the Borough Plan.

Table 1: Stages and tasks of the Sustainability Appraisal process.

<b>SA Stages and Tasks</b>
<p><b>Stage A: Setting the context and objectives, establishing the baseline and deciding on the scope</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A1: Identifying other relevant policies, plans and programmes, and sustainability objectives.</li> <li>• A2: Collecting baseline information.</li> <li>• A3: Identifying sustainability issues and problems.</li> <li>• A4: Developing the SA framework.</li> <li>• A5: Consulting on the scope of the SA.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Stage B: Developing and refining options and assessing effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B1: Testing the Borough Plan objectives against the SA framework.</li> <li>• B2: Developing the Borough Plan options.</li> <li>• B3: Predicting the effects of the Borough Plan.</li> <li>• B4: Evaluating the effects of the Borough Plan.</li> <li>• B5: Considering way of mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects.</li> <li>• B6: Proposing measures to monitor the significant effects of implementing the Borough Plan.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Stage C: Preparing the Sustainability Appraisal Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C1: Preparing the SA Report.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Stage D: Consulting on the submission of the Borough Plan and SA Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• D1: Public participation on the submission of the Borough Plan and the SA Report</li> <li>• D2(i): Appraising significant changes.</li> <li>• D2(ii): Appraising significant changes resulting from representations.</li> <li>• D3: Making decisions and providing information.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Stage E: Monitoring the significant effects of implementing the Borough Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E1: Finalising aims and methods for monitoring.</li> <li>• E2: Responding to adverse effects.</li> </ul>

## PREVIOUS SA WORK

- 1.7 A number of Sustainability Appraisal Scoping and other reports have been progressed and published by N&BBC as part of the progression of the Borough Plan and other documents. In 2016 the Borough Council published a Sustainability Appraisal to accompany the Borough Plan. This 2016 report has been used as the starting point for the creation of the Scoping Report, however, much has needed updating or changing and this was a standalone document that begins again the sustainability process for the Borough Plan. Consultation on the Scoping Report was undertaken between 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021. The Environment Agency, Historic England, and Natural England were consulted. Responses received had been taken into account in this report and minor updates/changes have been

made in light of these). The content of these comments and how they have been addressed are set out in Appendix D.

### **STRUCTURE OF THIS REPORT**

1.8 This Report is structured in the following sections:

- Chapter 1.0: Introduction, context and purpose of the SA;
- Chapter 2.0: Outlines the relationship between other relevant plans and programmes;
- Chapter 3.0: Outlines the baseline information relevant to the Borough Plan;
- Chapter 4.0: Outlines the environmental and sustainability issues facing the Borough Plan and presents the proposed SA Framework that will form the basis of the Borough Plan assessment;
- Chapter 5.0: Outlines this report's consultation procedures and SA next steps;
- Chapter 6.0: Assesses the Issues and Options; and
- Chapter 7.0: Conclusion.

## 2.0 IDENTIFYING RELEVANT POLICIES, PLANS, PROGRAMMES & SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES

### BACKGROUND

- 2.0 The SA should provide information on the relationship of the Borough Plan with other relevant plans and programmes, be they at local, national, or international level. The Council must take account of relationships between the Borough Plan and other relevant policies, plans, programmes, and sustainability objectives. It is an essential component of setting the baseline and ensures that the SA and the Borough Plan reflect the Government’s policy objectives on sustainable communities and development. The aim is to review potential synergies, opportunities and any inconsistencies and constraints which may arise. The findings of the context review will also inform the identification of sustainability issues and problems that should be addressed by the Borough Plan.

### METHODOLOGY

- 2.1 There is no definitive list of policies, plans, programmes (PPPs), or objectives to be reviewed and the list included in Appendix A does not provide an exhaustive list but contains those plans and programmes which are deemed most relevant to the Borough Plan. Table 2 below lists all reviewed policies, plans, programmes, and sustainability objectives; the full review is in Appendix A. The key sustainability issues and problems that have been identified as a result of this review are contained in Table 3 in Chapter 4.0.

Table 2: Reviewed relevant policies, plans and programmes

<b>International / European</b>
Article 174, European Union
Bern Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, 1979
Bonn Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, 1979
Copenhagen, United Nations, 2009
EU Directive 01/42/EC on Strategic Environmental Assessment, European Union, 2001
EU Directive 2000/60/EC on Water Framework, European Union, 2000
EU Directive 2002/49/EC on Environmental Noise, European Union, 2002
EU Directive 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe, European Union, 2008
EU Directive 2008/98/EC on Waste, European Union, 2008
EU Directive 2009/147/EC on the Conservation of Wild Birds
EU Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, European Union, 2009
EU Directive 91/156/EEC on Waste Framework, European Union, 1991

EU Directive 91/676/EEC on Nitrates, European Union, 1991
EU Directive 92/43/EEC on Habitats, European Union, 1992
EU Directive 96/62/EC on Ambient Air Quality and Management, European Union, 1996
EU Directive 97/11/EC on European Environmental Impact Assessment Directives, European Union, 1997
EU Directive 99/31/EC on Waste to Landfill, European Union, 1999
EU Sixth Environmental Action Programme, European Union, 2001
European Biodiversity Strategy, European Commission, 1998
European Commission White Paper on the European Transport Policy, European Union, 2001
European Floods Directive, 2009
European Landscape Convention, 2004
European Sustainable Development Strategy, European Union, 2001
Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change, UN, 1997
Paris Agreement, UN, 2016
The Convention on Biological Diversity, Rio de Janeiro, 1992
The Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe, Council of Europe, 1985
The European Convention on the Protection of Archaeological Heritage, Council of Europe, 1992
World Summit on Sustainable Development - Earth Summit, 2002
<b>National</b>
A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment, UK Government, 2018
Ancient Monuments & Archaeological Areas Act, UK Government, 1979
Biodiversity 2020, A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services, 2011
Clean Growth Strategy, UK Government, 2018
Climate Change Act (including 2050 Target Amendment), UK Government, 2008
Climate Change Plan, DEFRA, 2010
Community Infrastructure Levy Guidance, 2014
Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations, UK Government, 2010
Creating Growth, Cutting Carbon, Making Sustainable Local Transport Happen, Department for Transport, 2011
England Tree Strategy consultation, DEFRA, 2020
Flood and Water Management Act, UK Government, 2010
Future High Streets Fund, UK Government, 2018
Future Water: The Government's water strategy for England, UK Government, 2011
Government Vision Statement on the Historic Environment, DCMS, 2010
Healthy Lives, Healthy People: Our strategy for public health in England – White Paper, UK Government, 2011
Historic England Advice Notes, Historic England, various
Historic Environment Good Practice Advice in Planning, Historic England, various
Laying the Foundations: A House Building Strategy for England, November 2011
Laying the Foundations: A housing strategy for England, CLG, 2011
Localism Act, UK Government, 2011
Low Emissions Strategies -using the planning system to reduce transport emissions: Good Practice Guidance, DEFRA, 2010

Making Space for Nature, White Paper, John Lawton, September 2010
Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act, 2006
Plan for Growth, Treasury, 2011
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Protecting biodiversity and ecosystems at home and abroad, 2014
Public Health Guidance 8 - Promoting and creating built or natural environments that encourage and support physical activity, NICE, 2008
Renewable Energy Strategy, DECC, 2009
Securing Community Benefits through the Planning Process Improving performance on Section 106 agreements, Audit Commission, 2006
Skills for Growth – The National Skills Strategy, BIS, 2009
Space for People, Woodland Trust, 2010
The Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment) Regulations 2014, CLG
The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), MHCLG, 2019
The National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG), MHCLG
The Natural Choice: Securing the Value of Nature, DEFRA, 2011
The Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981
UK Climate Change Programme, UK Government, 2006
UK Waste Strategy for England, UK Government, 2007
Viability Testing Local Plans – Advice for Planning Practitioners, Local Housing Delivery Group, 2012
World Class Places, UK Government, 2009
<b>Sub-national</b>
A Strategy for the A5 2011-2026, A5 Transport Liaison Group, 2012
Coventry & Warwickshire Joint Strategic Housing Market Assessment, 2013
Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Economic Plan, March 2014
Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Economic Plan Update, 2016
Driving a Revolution in Rail Services for West Midlanders: A 30-year rail investment strategy 2018-2047, West Midlands Rail Executive, 2018
Humber River Basin Management Plan- River Anker flows to Humber, EA, 2009
National Character Area Profile: Arden, Natural England, 2014
National Character Area Profile: Mease/Sence Lowlands, Natural England, 2013
Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Resource Assessment and Feasibility Study, CAMCO, 2010
River Severn Catchment Flood Management Plan, Environment Agency, December 2009
River Trent Catchment Flood Management Plan, Environment Agency, December 2010
Severn River Basin Management Plan- River Sowe in Bedworth flows to Severn, EA, 2009
Strategic Flood Risk Assessment - Level 1, Halcrow, 2008
Strategic Flood Risk Assessment – Level 2, NBBC, December 2010
Sub Regional Green Belt Review, Smith Stuart Reynolds, 2009
Tame, Anker and Mease abstraction licensing strategy, Environment Agency, February 2013
The Warwickshire Coventry and Solihull Local Biodiversity Action Plan, Warwickshire County Council, 2001
Updated Assessment of Housing Need: Coventry-Warwickshire HMA, GL Hearn, 2015

Warwickshire Historic Landscape Character, Warwickshire County Council and English Heritage, 2010
Warwickshire Local Transport Plan 2011 - 2026, Warwickshire County Council, 2011
Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull Sub-Regional Green Infrastructure Study, Land Use Consultants, 2011
Water Cycle Study, Halcrow, 2010
West Midlands Renewable Energy Capacity Study, SQW, 2011
<b>Local</b>
Air Quality Assessment: Development Associated with the Borough Plan, Nuneaton and Bedworth, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2017
Abbey Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Proposals, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2008
Bedworth Town Centre Visioning, IDP, 2019
Contaminated Land Strategy, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2010
Corporate Plan 2007 – 2021, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2007
Coventry & Warwickshire Strategic Employment Land Study, Atkins, 2014
Employment Land Review 2014, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2014
Employment Land Use Study, CWLEP, 2015
Habitats Regulation Assessment, UE Associates, 2009
Habitats Regulations Assessment – Screening Assessment, WYG, 2016 and 2018
Health Impact Assessment – Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2014
Homelessness Strategy and Action Plan 2009 – 2012, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2009
Housing Strategy 2010-2015, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2010
Joint Green Belt Study, LUC, 2015
Local Air Quality Management – Air Quality Action Plan, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2011
Local Air Quality Management – Updating and Screening Assessment, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2012
Miner’s Welfare Park, Bedworth, Concept Plan, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2020
Nuneaton and Bedworth Biodiversity Value Map, Warwickshire, Coventry & Solihull Local Biodiversity Action Plan Partnership, 2010
Nuneaton and Bedworth Convenience Goods and Retail Study, Strategic Perspectives, 2011
Nuneaton and Bedworth Employment Land Review, GVA Grimley, 2010
Nuneaton and Bedworth Green Infrastructure Plan, Land Use Consultants, 2009
Nuneaton and Bedworth Land Use Designations Study Volume 1: Landscape Character Assessment, TEP, 2011
Nuneaton and Bedworth Land Use Designations Study Volume 2: Policy Recommendations, TEP, 2011
Nuneaton and Bedworth Land Use Designations Study Volume 3: Site Analysis and Selection, TEP, 2011
Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Plan, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2019
Nuneaton and Bedworth Retail and Leisure Study Update, Strategic Perspectives, 2014
Nuneaton and Bedworth Town Centres Study, Roger Tym and Partners, 2011
Nuneaton and Bedworth Sport, Recreation and Community Facilities Strategy 2016-2031, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2016

Nuneaton Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Proposals, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2009
Open Space Assessment, Jones Plus Limited, 2007
Open Space Strategy 2011-2021, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2011
Priority Species and Habitats for Nuneaton and Bedworth, Warwickshire County Council, 2005
Retail and Leisure Study Update 2014, Strategic Perspectives, 2014
River valley assessment, ENTEC, 2007
Riversley Park, Nuneaton, Concept Plan, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2020
Shaping our future..., Sustainable Community Plan 2007 – 2021 for Nuneaton and Bedworth, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2007
Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA), Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2013
Strategic Transport Assessment: Modelling Report, 2015
The Warwickshire Local Investment Plan, HCA, NWBC, SoADC, RBC, WDC, WCC, 2011
Town Centre Office Requirement, DTZ, 2013
Transforming Nuneaton Capacity Study, IDP, 2019
Updated Assessment of Housing Need: Coventry – Warwickshire HMA, GL Hearn, 2015

## 3.0 COLLECTING BASELINE INFORMATION

### BACKGROUND

- 3.0 Establishing the economic, social, and environmental baseline characteristics of the Borough provides the basis for establishing the following:
- An understanding of the existing sustainability problems and issues facing the Borough;
  - The SA objectives and indicators which may help to reduce these problems;
  - Enabling the prediction of the potential future effects of the Borough Plan;
  - Highlighting how the Borough compares to national and regional trends; and
  - Likely evolution of the environment without the implementation of the Borough Plan.

### METHODOLOGY

- 3.1 The baseline data consists of a variety of quantitative and qualitative information compiled using a range of sources including:
- The baseline information collated as part of the 2016 SA Scoping Report for the Borough Plan and the 2020 SA Scoping Report for the Town Centres Area Action Plan;
  - Geographic information; and
  - Numeric or statistical data – from national government and agency websites.
- 3.2 To ensure a practical and focused approach to the collection of baseline information the following criteria were applied:
- 1) Relevance - will the data help assess the potential impacts of the Borough Plan?
  - 2) Current - is the data the most up to date available?
  - 3) Available - is the data set easily accessible?
  - 4) Practical - is the data set easy to understand?
- 3.3 If the data did not comply with all the criteria listed above, the dataset was omitted from the review. The baseline information is set out in a series of data tables organised alphabetically by SA and SEA topic in Appendix B. The origins of much of the older data are the 2016 SA Scoping Report for the Borough Plan; although as part of updating this to identify trends it has become clear that some of the data are

not capable of being updated, either it is no longer collected or is in a different format and is thus not comparable. Therefore, in the 2021 SA Scoping Report there was a fresh approach to baseline information and some of the data from 2016 SA Scoping Report no longer meets the criteria set out above. The baseline data tables in Appendix B contain the following columns:

- **Issue** - the issue under review, e.g. unemployment claimant count;
- **Quantified information** - baseline data for the Borough;
- **Comparators** - national and regional data against which the Nuneaton and Bedworth context can be compared;
- **Trend** - is the baseline situation improving or declining;
- **Data source** - identification of the source of data; and
- **Comments/gaps** - any comments on the dataset and identification of gaps and/or deficiencies in the data.

The key sustainability issues and problems that have been identified as a result of this review are contained in Table 3 in Chapter 4.0.

## 4.0 DEVELOPING THE SA FRAMEWORK

### BACKGROUND

- 4.0 The SA (Sustainability Appraisal) Framework provides a structure for assessing, analysing, and comparing the sustainability effects of the Borough Plan. From the review of the policies, plans, and programmes (task A1 [Chapter 2.0 of this document]), and the baseline information (task A2 [Chapter 3.0 of this document]) key sustainability issues and problems [task A3) were identified that the Borough Plan could tackle. These are contained in Table 3 in this chapter and are organised by SA and SEA topic.
- 4.1 From these key sustainability issues and problems a set of sustainability objectives have been formulated; these form the basis of the assessment of the sustainability of the Borough Plan. The SA Framework consists of these sustainability objectives along with criteria and indicators which are also set out in Table 3. The sustainability objectives are similar to those created for the current Borough Plan but have been abridged whilst still retaining their function. The SA objectives are not set out in order of priority.

### METHODOLOGY

- 4.2 A brief synopsis of the methodology for preparing the SA Framework is provided below.

#### Sustainability Objectives

The sustainability objectives which will form the basis of the Borough Plan appraisal were broadly based upon the sustainable development objectives set out in the 2016 SA Scoping Report for the Borough Plan (and also the 2020 SA Scoping Report for the Town Centres Area Action Plan). However, the opportunity has been taken to make the objectives more concise, the elaboration is provided by the criteria which remain almost as they were. The sustainability objectives set out in the SA Framework have been organised under SA and SEA topic. As part of assessing the SA Framework set out in the Scoping Report two of the SA objectives have been merged, namely that to reduce overall energy use and to minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change. When these are used in any assessment the scores come out the same and reducing energy use is a key part of reducing carbon emissions and minimising contribution to climate change. Therefore, the objective of 'reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change' is the new objective.

### Criteria

A range of criteria have been developed to provide further clarity and elaboration of the individual sustainability objectives and to assist in assessing the impacts of the Borough Plan.

### Indicators

Indicators to measure and communicate progress towards achieving the sustainability objectives have been developed. These indicators will be advanced further in the SA process and used to help form a monitoring framework.

- 4.3 As explained earlier in this report, one of the matters that has come out of updating the data contained within the 2016 SA Scoping Report is that many indicators are either no longer collected or are collected in a different format. This reduces the usefulness of the indicators because comparisons and trends over time cannot be satisfactorily observed. Therefore, the indicators provided in the 2021 Scoping Report are those for which there is greater confidence that the indicator selected will be capable of being monitored. Dates provided in Appendix B reflect when data published in this report was accessed. If this published date is not recent then this reflects that no newer data is available not that the data source has not been accessed subsequent to the published date.
- 4.4 Where possible, indicators relate to information collected by the Borough Council and corresponds to that information collected for the Borough Plan and the Council's annual monitoring reports (AMRs). In brackets after each indicator firstly the current source of that information is supplied and secondly the reference for that information (numeric references refer to that information contained in Appendix B of this report whilst alphanumeric references are for information collected as part of the AMR). When the monitoring framework is developed and refined further on in the sustainability appraisal consideration will be given to tying in these indicators more with those of the Borough Plan (monitored in the AMR) to reduce the scale of monitoring required. The one issue found with the indicators is that those for water quality (references 11/1 and 11/2 in Appendix B) appear to be reported only at a national level and their use would not appropriately reflect the situation in the Borough.
- 4.5 Table 3 is set out by SA and SEA topic (alphabetically) and then presents the key sustainability issues and problems that have been identified by the work undertaken in Chapters 2.0 and 3.0 that relate to that SA and SEA topic. Some of the issues may

relate to more than one topic so they appear more than once in the table. Then the table shows how the issues and problems relate to the sustainability objectives and their related criteria and indicators. The sustainability objectives within the table are picked out with yellow shading and in bold text.

### **THE LIKELY EVOLUTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT WITHOUT THE BOROUGH PLAN**

- 4.6 The SEA Directive requires the likely evolution of the environment without the implementation of the Borough Plan to be identified. Predicting the likely evolution of the environment without the Borough Plan is inherently subjective and hard to predict, particularly in the current prevailing economic and market conditions. However, the sustainability issues and problems identified in Table 3 (in this chapter) are likely to continue unabated if the review of the Borough Plan is not progressed.

Table 3: Development of the SA Framework

SEA/SA topic	Main issues from the review of plans, policies and programmes	Sustainability issues and problems	Interrelationships	SA Framework		
				Objective	Criteria	Indicators
Air	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality.	<p>Air pollutant levels in the Borough have steadily decreased and it is anticipated that this trend will continue.</p> <p>Two AQMAs in Nuneaton both due to vehicular emissions although in both of these the level of exceedance (ug/m<sup>3</sup>) for NO<sub>2</sub> has decreased from 41 (in 2007) to 31.2 (2018) in the Leicester Road, Gytratory AQMA and from 55 to 41.1 in the Midland Road to Corporation Street AQMA (2009-2018).</p> <p>Car ownership levels are generally in line with both regional and national averages (2011).</p> <p>The majority of people travel to work by car.</p> <p>The number of residents commuting over 30km in the Borough has increased by a third (2001-2011).</p> <p>A high dependency on private car for commuting results in congestion and negative impacts on air quality.</p> <p>A low volume of public transport use is a major contributor to reduced air quality.</p> <p>Around 4,000 residents are commuting over 30km to work (2011).</p>	<p>Air quality influences human health which affects quality of life.</p> <p>Local residents and businesses experience air quality at the local level, which affects both health and amenity.</p> <p>Increasing public transport use reduces vehicular emissions and in turn CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.</p>	<p><b>Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.</b></p>	<p>Will it maintain and improve local air quality?</p> <p>Will it reduce traffic congestion and improve road safety?</p>	<p>Pollutant levels (NBBC data) [ref. 1/1].</p> <p>Number of AQMAs (NBBC data) [ref. 1/2].</p>
				<p><b>Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.</b></p>	<p>Will it focus development in the major urban areas?</p> <p>Will it promote compact, mixed-use developments with good accessibility to local facilities and service that reduce the need to travel?</p> <p>Will it reduce the number and length of journeys made by car?</p> <p>Will it promote alternative, more sustainable modes of transport to the car (including walking and cycling) through location of housing, employment sites, services and facilities, and appropriate</p>	<p>Proportion of adults walking for travel (gov.uk) [ref. 1/6].</p> <p>Proportion of adults cycling for travel (gov.uk) [ref. 1/6].</p>

					infrastructure for sustainable modes of transport?	
<b>Biodiversity</b>	<p>Enhance, maintain, and protect biodiversity.</p> <p>Enhance, maintain, and protect natural habitats and sensitive landscapes.</p>	<p>The Borough has 1 European Site, 2 SSSIs, 3 LNRs, 25 SINCs.</p> <p>One of the SSSIs is in favourable condition and the other unfavourable/declining; threat to Ensor's Pool from bio-security risks.</p> <p>Threat to biodiversity from development, land management and climate change.</p> <p>The Borough has the lowest number of local nature reserves in the County.</p> <p>Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough has a lower accessibility to woodlands than county and regional levels (2013) but has greater accessibility than immediate surrounding areas (2019).</p> <p>Threat to biodiversity from non-native species.</p>	<p>The diversity of habitats and species improves the quality of people's lives.</p> <p>Open spaces:</p> <p>Contribute to the heritage and urban landscape of the Borough.</p> <p>Contribute to the attraction of the Borough for residents, visitors and potential investors and employees.</p> <p>Improves the sense of wellbeing for both residents and employees.</p> <p>Enhance education and health of residents.</p>	<b>To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.</b>	<p>Will it protect and enhance species, habitats and sites at risk?</p> <p>Will it protect and enhance the natural environment, whether designated or not, including habitats, species, landscapes and controlled waters, particularly maintaining European sites, SSSIs and LNRs to a favorable standard?</p> <p>Will it support development that incorporates improvements to wildlife habitats?</p> <p>Will it increase access to green spaces?</p> <p>Will it contribute to adaptation to climate change and ecological networks?</p>	<p>Development causing habitat net losses (NBBC data) [ref. NE3b].</p> <p>Development causing a loss of LBAP habitats and species (NBBC data) [ref. NE3c].</p> <p>Planning permission granted on designated statutory sites and sites with high biodiversity distinctiveness (NBBC data) [ref. NE3d].</p>

<p><b>Climatic Factors</b></p>	<p>Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality.</p> <p>Encourage use of renewable and sustainable sources of energy.</p>	<p>Carbon dioxide emissions per capita is lower than the national average and has dropped between 2013 and 2017.</p> <p>Trend of dropping carbon dioxide emissions in the Borough.</p>	<p>At the international, national and local level, climate change is believed to potentially affect the environmental, economic and social aspects of human life.</p> <p>Climate change is likely to lead to extreme weather conditions resulting in a change in heating and cooling requirements and incidences of water shortage.</p>	<p><b>Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.</b></p>	<p>Will it reduce or minimise greenhouse gas emissions?</p> <p>Will it contribute to the creation of a low carbon economy and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources?</p> <p>Will it promote the adoption of climate change adaption and climate proofing principles in planning and design?</p> <p>Will it promote sustainable urban drainage systems?</p>	<p>Carbon dioxide emissions by sector and per capita (gov.uk) [ref. 3/1].</p>
<p><b>Cultural heritage</b></p>	<p>Enhance, maintain, and protect important historical and geological sites.</p>	<p>There are two buildings at risk in the Borough which are: Park Farmhouse in Arbury Park and The Tea House in Arbury Park.</p> <p>The borough has a limited number of nationally listed buildings however a number are valued locally.</p> <p>Some of the conservation areas in the Borough require more formal planning and proactive enforcement to ensure the</p>	<p>Cultural heritage contributes to the overall diversity and value of the Borough's townscape.</p> <p>A diverse historical environment also provides economic benefits by helping attract new businesses.</p>	<p><b>To conserve and enhance the historic environment.</b></p>	<p>Will it conserve and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value?</p>	<p>Number of listed buildings (Grade I and II*) at risk (historicengland.org.uk) [ref. 4/1].</p> <p>Loss of designated historic assets (NBBC data) [ref. BE4b].</p>

		<p>character of the area is maintained.</p> <p>New development should be more reflective of the local distinctiveness of the historic environment and character of the local area.</p>				
<b>Economic Factors</b>	Diversify the town centres.	<p>The unemployment rate (2020) for Nuneaton and Bedworth (3.8%) is lower than the national (4.2%) and the regional (5.2%) average.</p> <p>The economic active rate in Nuneaton and Bedworth (81.6%) and is higher than the national (79%) and regional (77.9%) averages.</p> <p>Average gross weekly pay in Nuneaton and Bedworth (£525.6) is below the national (£586.5) and regional average (£552.5).</p> <p>Nuneaton and Bedworth are situated in the heart of the motorway network and both towns are easily accessible from the M6, M69, M42, M40, M1 and the A5 running north of Nuneaton.</p>	<p>Waste has traditionally been seen as a by-product of economic activity.</p> <p>A good economic base creates opportunities for the local population and addresses employment issues and increases quality of life.</p> <p>Education qualifications have a direct impact on employment and skill development for the local economy.</p>	<b>Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.</b>	<p>Will it meet the employment needs of the local community?</p> <p>Will it help diversify the economy?</p> <p>Will it support small businesses?</p> <p>Will it maintain a balanced mix of development?</p> <p>Will it lead to the diversification of the town centres?</p>	<p>% of working age people in employment (nomisweb.co.uk) [ref. 5/1].</p> <p>Average gross weekly pay (nomisweb.co.uk) [ref. 5/3].</p> <p>Business deaths and births (ons.gov.uk) [ref. 5/4].</p>
<b>Landscape</b>	Enhance, maintain, and protect natural habitats and sensitive landscapes.	<p>Additional development could place further pressures on the green belt and surrounding landscape.</p> <p>The countryside surrounding the Borough is protected by green belt, area of restraint or countryside designations, which direct development pressures away from sensitive landscapes and help to protect biodiversity.</p>		<b>To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.</b>	<p>Will it enhance and manage the character and appearance of the Borough's landscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place?</p>	<p>Development given planning permission in highly valued landscape areas (NBBC data) [ref. NE5a].</p>
<b>Material Assets</b>		<p>The percentage of household waste being recycled and composted, as a general trend, is increasing steadily (2010/11 – 2020/21).</p>	<p>Waste is recognised as being an opportunity for resource recovery (through re-use and recycling for example).</p>	<b>Reduce waste creation and disposal.</b>	<p>Will it reduce waste arising (LACW [Local Authority Collected Waste] and commercial)?</p> <p>Will it increase recycling and composting rates and encourage</p>	<p>LACW recycled and composted (NBBC data) [refs. 7/1 and 7/2].</p>

					easily accessible recycling systems? Will it promote re-use of resources?	
				<b>To ensure the prudent use of resources.</b>	Will it encourage land use and development that optimises the use of previously developed land and buildings?  Will it encourage development which makes more efficient use of land; and seek greater intensity of development at places with good public transport accessibility?	Housing developments on previously developed land (NBBC data) [no ref. but reported in AMR].
<b>Population and Human Health</b>	Increase the health and wellbeing of residents.	The Borough currently has a relatively large working population (16-60). The population is an ageing one, which is likely to create additional social care needs. Population is predicted to increase. About 55% of the population are Christian, which is lower than the national average. 87.1% of the population in Nuneaton and Bedworth are white, which is higher than England's average. Male and female life expectancy remain below the England average and is one of the lowest in Warwickshire (2010-2014). Significant difference in life expectancy between the most and least deprived areas.	Increase in population size can have a number of adverse effects, including increased pressure on community facilities and infrastructure, increase of traffic and its effects on congestion and pollution (air and water quality) and increased demand for health and other public services.  An increase in workforce size could positively affect investment potential and help economic diversity.  The benefits of improved human health include a healthy workforce, a reduced burden on social and health services and contributions to the local economy through training and research opportunities.	<b>Improve health and reduce health inequalities.</b>	Will it diminish inequalities in mortality, health and wellbeing across the Borough?  Will it promote healthy lifestyles and opportunities for exercise?  Will it promote opportunities to participate in sport?  Will it protect, provide and enhance the provision of quality open space?  Will it prevent	Mortality rates - all and from heart disease and stroke, and cancer (fingertips.phe.org.uk) [ref. 8/6].  Life expectancy at birth (ons.gov.uk) [ref. 8/4].  Change to open space (NBBC data) [ref. HS6c].  Parks/open spaces attaining 'Green Flag' status (NBBC data).

					noise and light pollution?	
<b>Social Factors</b>	<p>Increase accessibility to key services such as health, education and sustainable transport.</p> <p>Be able to meet the housing needs of the whole community.</p> <p>Increase accessibility to green spaces and open spaces.</p> <p>Ensure stakeholder engagement throughout the plan process.</p>	<p>There are no green spaces in Nuneaton and Bedworth managed to a Green Flag Award Standard.</p> <p>The Borough has a higher crime rate per 1,000 population than the county average (all recorded crimes).</p> <p>The number of people attaining NVQ levels 1 – 5 has increased markedly since 2012.</p> <p>Poorer perceptions of public safety than the county average, but data are now quite aged.</p> <p>Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough has the highest levels of deprivation in Warwickshire.</p>	<p>Low levels of education affect economic opportunities and thereby income levels, impacting the social status of people.</p> <p>Good access to various services like schools and health facilities reduce chances of social deprivation.</p> <p>Education, skills and unemployment are inter-related, hence should be assessed in a holistic way.</p> <p>Parks and green spaces make an important contribution to improving the quality of life of communities and provide a sense of place for local communities.</p> <p>Quality open spaces also contribute to heritage and culture by providing venues for local festivals and civic celebrations, as well as offering a more varied townscape.</p> <p>A network of accessible high quality open spaces and recreation facilities fulfill an important function in terms of the structure of both urban and rural areas.</p>	<b>Provide decent housing for all.</b>	<p>Will it increase the supply of affordable housing?</p> <p>Will it promote a range of housing types and tenure?</p> <p>Will it reduce the number of unfit/non-decent/empty homes?</p> <p>Will it reduce homelessness?</p>	<p>Affordable dwellings completed (NBBC data) [refs. H2b and H2c].</p> <p>Average house prices (landregistry.data.gov.uk) [ref. 9/3a].</p>
				<b>Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.</b>	<p>Will it maintain and enhance existing facilities?</p> <p>Will it put unacceptable pressure on existing services and community facilities?</p> <p>Will it improve access to local services and facilities?</p> <p>Will it ensure that education and skills infrastructure meet projected future demand and need?</p> <p>Will it reduce inequalities in education and skills across the Borough?</p>	<p>% of workforce qualified to NVQ 3+ (nomisweb.co.uk) [ref. 9/8].</p> <p>People of working age in employment (nomisweb.co.uk) [ref. 5/1].</p> <p>% of population of working age claiming key benefits (nomisweb.co.uk) [ref. 5/2].</p> <p>Employment rate (nomisweb.co.uk) [ref. 5/1].</p> <p>Index of local deprivation (gov.uk) [ref. 9/5].</p>
				<b>Reduce crime,</b>	Will it promote the	Recorded

				<p><b>fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.</b></p>	<p>reduction of crime rates?</p> <p>Will it encourage the adoption of principles to 'design out' crime in housing and employment sites?</p>	<p>robberies; burglaries; vehicle crimes percentage (data.warwickshire.gov.uk) [ref. 9/6].</p>
				<p><b>Address poverty and disadvantage.</b></p>	<p>Will it reduce poverty and exclusion in those areas most effected?</p>	<p>Wage/income levels- gross weekly pay (nomisweb.co.uk) [ref. 5/3].</p>
				<p><b>Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.</b></p>	<p>Will it ensure that facilities and locations for cultural activities are protected?</p> <p>Will it protect and create high quality or valued recreational spaces and avoid erosion of recreational function?</p>	<p>Leisure floor space (NBBC data) [ref. DS2c].</p> <p>Change to open space (NBBC data) [ref. HS6c].</p>
				<p><b>Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.</b></p>	<p>Will it require good urban design to create attractive, high quality environments where people will choose to live, work and invest?</p>	<p>New residential and commercial developments integrating Secure By Design principles (NBBC data) [ref. BE3d].</p>
<p><b>Soil</b></p>	<p>Encourage the remediation of contaminated land, and seek to protect controlled water and related abstractions.</p>	<p>No contaminated land entries in the Contaminated Land Register but soil is a finite resource and should be protected.</p>	<p>Soil resources are key to sustaining life and the agricultural economy.</p>	<p><b>To protect and improve soil quality.</b></p>	<p>Will it minimise development on Greenfield land?</p> <p>Will it reduce the amount of derelict, degraded and underused land?</p> <p>Will it reduce the quantity of contaminated land</p>	<p>Land on brownfield land register (NBBC data).</p> <p>Land on contaminated land register (NBBC data).</p>



## 5.0 CONSULTING ON THE SA AND NEXT STEPS

### BACKGROUND

- 5.0 Copies of this SA report will be submitted to the three statutory environmental consultation bodies, namely the Environment Agency, Historic England, and Natural England to seek their views as well as all other stakeholders specifically invited to comment. However, it will also be made available on the Borough Council's website and any person can comment on the report. Any comments received will be considered and, if required, appropriate amendments to the report will be made.

### DEFINING WHAT IS A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT

- 5.1 Once the SA Framework, and thus the SA objectives, have been created the next part of the process is to assess each objective, policy, and/or proposal of the Borough Plan against the SA objectives. A combination of expert judgement, analysis of baseline data, and the definitions set out below will be used to judge the potential significance of the specified effect on the plan's objectives. When determining the likely significant effects the following criteria will be used:

- How valuable and vulnerable is the area that is being impacted?
- What is the duration and how probable, frequent, long lasting and reversible are the effects?
- What is the magnitude and spatial scale of the effect?
- What is the cumulative nature of the effects?

These effects should include secondary, cumulative, synergistic, short, medium, and long-term, permanent and temporary, positive and negative effects.

- 5.2 Assessing significance is the product of two factors: the value of the environmental resource affected; and the magnitude of the impact. A significant effect can arise from a minor impact on a resource of national value or a major impact on a resource of local value. In addition, the accumulation of many non-significant effects on similar local resources geographically spread throughout the scheme may give rise to an overall significant effect.
- 5.3 The following questions are relevant in evaluating the significance of potential environmental effects:
- Is the effect positive or negative?

- Which risk groups are affected and in what way?
- Is the effect reversible or irreversible?
- Does the effect occur over the short, medium, or long term?
- Is the effect continuous or temporary? Does it increase or decrease with time? Is it of local, regional, national, or international importance?
- Are health standards or environmental objectives threatened?
- Are mitigating measures available and is it reasonable to require these?

5.4 Each objective, policy, and/or proposal will be assessed (guided by the above questions) to identify the potential impact on the SA objectives. A combination of expert judgement, analysis of baseline data, and the definitions set out below will be used to judge the potential significance of the specified effect on the plan's objectives. The following definitions will be used in the assessment:

### Duration of Effects

- Short-term                      Less than two years;
- Medium-term                    Two to five years;
- Long-term                        Five to twenty years;
- Permanent                       Greater than twenty years.

### Nature of Effects

- Positive effects - effects that have a beneficial influence on the environment;
- Negative effects - effects that have an adverse influence on the environment;
- Direct effects - effects that are caused by activities which are an integral part of the plan's objectives, proposal, and/or policy;
- Indirect effects - effects that are due to activities that are not part of the plan's objectives, proposal, and/or policy;
- Primary effects - the first effect of a plan's objectives, proposal, and/or policy;
- Secondary effects - effects that are a consequence of a primary effect of the plan's objectives, proposal, and/or policy;
- Combined or interactive effects – combined effects or interactive effects are the result of impact interactions between the plan's objectives, proposal,

and/or policy. Assessment of the individual plan’s objectives, proposal, and/or policy effects may be insignificant but combined the effects can have an overall significant impact;

- Cumulative effects - cumulative effects are the result of the interaction between effects associated with the plan’s objectives, proposal, and/or policy.

Scoring of effects

Table 4: Seven-point scale for assessing effects

Score	Description
++	Option likely to result in a significant positive effect
+	Option likely to result in a positive effect
0	Neutral (neither positive or negative significant effect)
?	The impact between the option and SA objective is uncertain
-	No relationship
-	Option likely to result in a negative effect
--	Option likely to result in a significant negative effect

The final scoring for each of the options will be based on available information and professional judgment.

**SA STEPS**

- 5.5 This SA report follows on from the SA Scoping Report (which addressed Stage A (Table 1)) and fulfils stage B of the process. The next stages for the Borough Plan sustainability appraisal, that is, those after Stage B are as follows:

Stage C: Preparing the Sustainability Appraisal Report

Stage C of the SA process will involve the preparation of the Sustainability Appraisal Report which will be published for consultation alongside the Borough Plan publication document. It is proposed that the SA Report structure will generally follow the structure as set out in Table 5 below.

Table 5: Proposed SA Report Contents

Section of Report	Contents
1. Summary and outcomes	1.1. Non-technical summary 1.2. Statement of the likely significant effects of the plan

Section of Report	Contents
	1.3. Statement on the difference the process has made to date 1.4. How to comment on the report
2. Appraisal Methodology	2.1. Approach adopted to the SA 2.2. When the SA was carried out 2.3. Who carried out the SA 2.4. Who was consulted, when and how 2.5. Difficulties encountered in compiling information or carrying out the assessment
3. Background	3.1. Purpose of the SA and the SA Report 3.2. Plan objectives and outline of contents 3.3. Compliance with the SEA Directive/Regulations
4. Sustainability objectives, baseline and context	4.1. Links to other policies, plans and programmes and sustainability objectives and how these have been taken into account 4.2. Description of the social, environmental and economic baseline characteristics and the predicted future baseline 4.3. Main social, environmental and economic issues and problems identified 4.4. Limitations of the information, assumptions made etc. 4.5. The SA framework, including objectives, targets and indicators
5. Plan issues and options	5.1. Main strategic options considered and how they were identified 5.2. Comparison of the social, environmental and economic effects of the options 5.3. How social, environmental and economic issues were considered in choosing the preferred options 5.4. Other options considered, and why these were rejected 5.5. Any proposed mitigation measures
6. Plan policies	6.1. Significant social, environmental and economic effects of the preferred policies 6.2. How social, environmental and economic problems were considered in developing the policies and proposals 6.3. Proposed mitigation measures 6.4. Uncertainties and risks
7. Implementation	7.1. Links to other tiers of plans and programmes and the project level (EIA, design guidance etc.) 7.2. Proposals for monitoring

**Stage D: Consulting on the Borough Plan and Sustainability Appraisal Report**

Stage D of the SA process involves the following tasks:

- Task D1: Public participation on the Borough Plan and the SA Report;
- Task D2 (i): Appraising significant changes;
- Task D2 (ii): Appraising significant changes resulting from Inspector’s report, representations, and preparation of final Borough Plan SA Report; and
- Task D3: SA Adoption Statement.

**Stage E: Monitoring the significant effects of implementing the Borough Plan**

The Council will be responsible for monitoring the significant effects of the Borough Plan, based on the monitoring strategy developed during SA task B6.

## 6.0 ASSESSING THE ISSUES AND OPTIONS

### BACKGROUND

- 6.0 As explained in Chapter 5.0, once the SA objectives have been created the first part of the assessment is to test the Borough Plan’s vision and objectives against the SA Framework, that is the SA objectives. This is a simpler test than the seven point scale of Table 4 and is based on compatibility or not. Once this is completed, the next stage is to assess each policy/proposal against the SA objectives, so, this is the assessment of the options contained in the Borough Plan and then the policies and any allocated sites. To assess the significance of any effects against each SA objective the seven point scale of Table 4 has been used.

### ASSESSMENT OF VISION AND OBJECTIVES

- 6.1 Table 6 below sets out the Sustainability Appraisal objectives used for the assessment.

Table 6: Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Objectives

Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Objectives
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.
4). Minimise the Borough’s contribution to the causes of climate change.
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.
8). Reduce waste creation and disposal.
9). To ensure the prudent use of resources.
10). Improve health and reduce health inequalities.
11). Provide decent housing for all.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.
15). Improve participation in the borough’s cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.
17). To protect and improve soil quality.
18). Use water efficiently and minimise water pollution.
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.

Tables 7 and 8 below present the draft vision and the objectives of the Borough Plan, respectively. Table 9 is the assessment of these against the SA objectives of Table 6.

Table 7: Borough Plan Vision

<b>Borough Plan Vision</b>
The vision for the Borough Plan is that by the end of the plan period Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough will be a place of sustainable economic growth with diverse job prospects with healthy and safe communities offering housing for all supported by an integrated infrastructure network. The environment of the Borough will be improved through greater sustainable transport options, more/improved open spaces and leisure facilities, increased tree planting and reduced pollution levels.

Table 8: Borough Plan Objectives

<b>Borough Plan Objectives</b>
Objective 1 - To use economic growth to regenerate the borough including town centres and raise its profile as a more attractive place to live, work, and invest in.
Objective 2 - To seek employment opportunities that will support the diversification of the borough's economy and improve job opportunities for residents.
Objective 3 - To develop town centres so that they offer a mix of uses that retains their primary function for retail but diversifies this to include residential, commercial and leisure uses so that they are vibrant.
Objective 4 - To provide a steady and adequate level of suitable housing for all.
Objective 5 - To ensure that all new development and investment contributes to a significant improvement in infrastructure and facilities that serve the borough.
Objective 6 - To improve cycling and walking networks, increase open space and leisure access, and reduce crime.
Objective 7 - To ensure that new development enhances and improves the natural environment.
Objective 8 - To address climate change by driving sustainability in all new development.
Objective 9 - To contribute to the nation's goal of net zero emissions by 2050 through more electric car charging points, increasing renewable energy production, and increased tree planting.

Table 9: Testing of the Borough Plan's vision & objectives against the SA objectives

SA Objectives	Borough Plan Vision	Borough Plan Objectives								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	✓	?	?	?	?	?	✓	?	✓	?
2	?	?	?	✓	?	?	?	?	✓	?
3	✓	?	?	?	?	?	?	✓	?	✓
4	✓	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	✓	✓
5	✓	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	✓	✓
6	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
7	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	?	?	?	?	?
8	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	✓	?	?
9	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	✓	?
10	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	✓	?
11	✓	✓	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
12	✓	?	?	✓	✓	?	?	?	?	?
13	✓	?	✓	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
14	✓	?	?	?	?	?	✓	?	?	?
15	✓	?	✓	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
16	✓	?	?	?	?	✓	✓	?	?	?
17	?	?	?	?	?	✓	?	✓	?	?
18	✓	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	✓
19	✓	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	✓
20	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	✓

Compatible ✓  
 Incompatible x  
 No clear relationship ?

- 6.2 The outcome of the assessment of the vision for the Borough Plan is that for the majority of the SA objectives the assessment comes out as ‘compatible’ with the remainder as ‘no clear relationship’. However, importantly there are no obvious incompatible elements.
- 6.3 The result of the assessment in Table 9 is that there are no obvious incompatibilities between the objectives of the Borough Plan and those objectives of the Sustainability Appraisal. There are a lot of cases where the compatibility between the DPD objectives and the SA objectives results in no clear relationship being capable of being identified. This is because many of the Borough Plan’s objectives are specific, as are the SA objectives which means that there are going to be many cases where compatibility cannot be achieved. No incompatibility has been found. However, it is considered that it would be appropriate for at least one of the Borough Plan’s objectives to meet every one of the SA objectives. If this took place then there would be confidence that the Borough Plan would, as a whole, meet the SA objectives and thus be as sustainable as possible. The assessment in Table 9 shows that none of the Borough Plan objectives meet SA objective 6, to conserve and enhance the historic environment. Thus, to improve the assessment the Borough Plan objective 7 could be amended to include historic as well as natural environments. This has been done.
- 6.4 Tables 10, 11, and 12 set out the long term effects that are predicted for the different options that have been drafted for the Borough Plan Issues and Options document. The full assessment of the options can be viewed in the tables in Appendix C of this document. The assessments in the Appendix are presented in the same order as they appear in the Issues and Options document and by the question number as also set out in this document. The summary tables (10, 11 and 12) set out the assessments in the same order as they appear in the Appendix (left to right) and the full text of the questions and their options can be viewed in either Appendix C of this document or the Issues and Options document itself.
- 6.5 Question 4 sets out the options for the location of future employment areas and all three options come out as generally negative and this is because the new employment areas will have to be provided outside of the existing urban areas and more than likely on greenfield sites. The option to provide new employment through extension of existing employment estates with no focus on a particular area within the borough comes out as less bad as the other options. This is because by locating new employment areas as extensions to existing there are sustainability benefits

(over other areas) from making use of existing infrastructure and harm, particularly to the landscape, being lessened by proximity to existing units.

- 6.6 Question 6 of the Issues and Options document deals with the options for dealing with non-employment uses on existing industrial estates, so, those uses other than B1, B2 and B8 (as they were). Five options were put forward for consideration but because this is a specific topic there were many cases where no discernible interactions (that is an uncertain relationship rather than categorically none) between the options and the SA objectives were found. Positive effects were found for SA objectives 6 and 12 only for all options, relating to the economy and access to services, respectively. Options 3 and 4 score more positively than the other options because these options seek to allow non-employment uses to be within existing employment areas whilst still ensuring that employment areas and uses are retained to acceptable levels, thereby creating a balance between employment and non-employment uses.
- 6.7 Questions 7 and 8 deal with the Green Belt and how new residential and employment uses will be located within the borough. In terms of question 7, option 3 scores the most significantly positive effects but option 1 scores the most positively overall. Option 3 scores very well against some of the SA objectives because it is seeking to locate new residential uses to the most sustainable locations but there is no focus to urban areas so these could be greenfield locations. The scoring for this option is also a bit contrived because it has been assumed that for the SA objective's where a significant positive effect has been predicted that this is in isolation whereas in reality a site would be unlikely to score so well against these SA objectives, there would be more of a balance. In terms of option 1 this is the most sustainable options, by focusing new residential developments to the urban areas, then the countryside and then the Green Belt, so, that the Green Belt is the last choice.
- 6.8 For question 8 option C, to prioritise new employment development to the most sustainable locations no matter whether it is designated as countryside or Green Belt comes out as the most sustainable option. This scores well because the locating of these developments is based on sustainability but the same issues are around this as they are with option 3 of question 7. The reason that this comes out the most sustainable for employment developments is because there are no options to locate these new developments in the urban areas, that there are for residential developments.

- 6.9 Question 11 seeks people's views on which of the spatial options are favoured for the location of future housing. Option 1, to locate new residential development within existing settlement boundaries is the most sustainable – this option eliminates many of the sustainability problems associated with greenfield sites and sites away from existing infrastructure.
- 6.10 Question 17 sets out the options for the protection of primary and secondary frontages in the town centres through the types of uses that would be appropriate in these locations. Four options were put forward for consideration and similarly to question 6 a very specific topic elicits a high number of instances where the impacts were uncertain. All options were predicted to have positive impacts against four SA objectives, those relating to the economy, housing, services and sport (in very broad terms). The only difference between the options is the significance of the positive impacts between the options. Of these four options, option 4, to set out that use class E and C3 (residential) uses are acceptable in the primary and secondary frontages of the town centres scores marginally better than the others.
- 6.11 Following on from question 17 is question 19 that then presents options for the prescribing of the extent of the primary and secondary frontages in the town centres. Of the three options all have been assessed as having effects against only two of the SA objectives, those for focussing development to the urban areas and achieving a strong, sustainable economy. With such a meagre outcome differences between each option are minor and indeed options B and C come out with an identical assessment. Therefore, in terms of sustainability it is the options to reassess and redraw the extent of the primary and secondary frontages or to retain their extent as is that fare the best; the other option to remove the designations is slightly less sustainable.
- 6.12 Overall, the assessment of the options presented in the Borough Plan Issues and Options document against the 19 SA objectives has presented results that show that an option or options perform better than others in terms of its sustainability. This will be useful in deciding which option or options then to use to formulate policies in the Publication of the Borough Plan. However, it has to be remembered that the sustainability appraisal does not prescribe the option a policy maker has to use it is just one of the many things to take into account.

Table 10: Summary of scoring of the long term effects of the options

Sustainability Appraisal Objectives	Question 4			Question 6				
	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
1	++	+	+	?	?	?	?	?
2	-	--	--	?	?	?	?	?
3	-	--	--	?	?	?	?	?
4	+	--	--	?	?	?	?	?
5	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
6	++	++	++	+	+	++	++	+
7	-	--	--	?	?	?	?	?
8	-	-	-	?	?	?	?	?
9	-	--	--	?	?	?	?	?
10	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	+	+	+	+	+	++	++	+
13	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
14	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
17	--	--	--	?	?	?	?	?
18	-	-	-	?	?	?	?	?
19	-	-	-	?	?	?	?	?

- ++ Option likely to result in a significant positive effect
- + Option likely to result in a positive effect
- 0 Neutral (neither positive or negative significant effect)
- ? The impact between the option and SA objective is uncertain
- No relationship
- Option likely to result in a negative effect
- Option likely to result in a significant negative effect

Table 11: Summary of scoring of the long term effects of the options

Sustainability Appraisal Objectives	Question 7			Question 8			Question 11		
	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
1	++	++	++	-	-	++	++	++	-
2	++	++	-	--	--	--	++	--	--
3	++	++	++	--	--	++	++	++	--
4	+	+	++	-	-	++	+	++	-
5	-	-	++	+	+	+	-	+	+
6	+	+	+	++	++	++	+	+	+
7	++	+	++	-	--	++	++	++	--
8	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
9	++	++	-	--	--	--	++	--	--
10	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
11	++	++	++	?	?	?	++	++	++
12	++	++	++	+	+	+	++	+	-
13	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
14	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
15	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
16	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
17	++	++	-	--	--	--	++	--	--
18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
19	+	+	++	-	-	++	?	++	-

- ++ Option likely to result in a significant positive effect
- + Option likely to result in a positive effect
- 0 Neutral (neither positive or negative significant effect)
- ? The impact between the option and SA objective is uncertain
- No relationship
- Option likely to result in a negative effect
- Option likely to result in a significant negative effect

Table 12: Summary of scoring of the long term effects of the options

Sustainability Appraisal Objectives	Question 17				Question 19		
	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option A	Option B	Option C
1	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
2	?	?	?	?	-	+	+
3	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
4	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
5	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
6	++	+	++	++	+	+	+
7	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
8	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
9	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
10	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
11	+	+	+	++	?	?	?
12	++	++	++	++	?	?	?
13	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
14	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
15	+	+	+	+	?	?	?
16	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
17	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
18	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
19	?	?	?	?	?	?	?

- ++ Option likely to result in a significant positive effect
- + Option likely to result in a positive effect
- 0 Neutral (neither positive or negative significant effect)
- ? The impact between the option and SA objective is uncertain
- No relationship
- Option likely to result in a negative effect
- Option likely to result in a significant negative effect

## 7.0 CONCLUSION

- 7.0 This Scoping Report identifies relevant policies, plans & programmes, sustainability objectives, baseline information, and sustainability issues & problems that are relevant to the Borough Plan Development Plan Document (DPD). From this a set of 19 sustainability objectives have been formulated which form the basis of any subsequent assessments.
- 7.1 The vision and the objectives of the Issues and Options Borough Plan have been assessed against the SA objectives and no obvious incompatible elements were found. Assessment of the options within the emerging Borough Plan presented results that show that an option or options perform better than others in terms of its sustainability.

## APPENDICES

## APPENDIX A: Plans, policies and programmes review

Plan/ programme/ strategy	Key aims, relevant objectives, targets and indicators	Implications for the Borough Plan	Implications for the Sustainability Appraisal (SA)
<b>International/ European</b>			
Article 174, European Union	<p>The relevant sections of Article 174 are listed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Community policy on the environment shall contribute to pursuit of the following objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- preserving, protecting and improving the quality of the environment,</li> <li>- protecting human health,</li> <li>- prudent and rational utilisation of natural resources</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Community policy on the environment shall aim at a high level of protection taking into account the diversity of situations in the various regions of the Community. It shall be based on the precautionary principle and on the principles that preventive action should be taken, that environmental damage should as a priority be rectified at source and that the polluter should pay.</li> </ol>	Protection of the environment should be considered throughout the Borough Plan.	SA should aim to protect the environment.
Bern Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, 1979	<p>The convention aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To conserve wild flora, fauna and natural habitats</li> <li>• To promote co-operation between states</li> <li>• To give particular attention to endangered and vulnerable species, including endangered and vulnerable migratory species</li> <li>• Appendices provide detailed information on species and habitats protected under the convention. Obligations for contracting parties: conservation of wild flora and fauna and all natural habitats in general, by</li> <li>• Promoting national conservation policies</li> <li>• Taking conservation into account in regional planning policies and pollution abatement</li> <li>• Promoting education and information</li> </ul>	Policies should take the conservation of biodiversity into account.	SA should protect important habitats.
Bonn Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, 1979	<p>The Bonn Convention aims to improve the status of all threatened migratory species through national action and international Agreements between range states of particular groups of species. It aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To conserve/restore habitats and control other factors that might endanger the listed migratory birds</li> </ul>	Policies should try to avoid or minimise impacts on migratory species and their habitats.	SA should protect important species.
Copenhagen, United Nations, 2009	<p>There were six key messages from the Congress:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Climatic trends Future climate trends could be worse than currently predicted due to natural variability.</li> <li>2. Social disruption Nations recognise the scientific case for keeping temperature rises below 2°C.</li> <li>3. Long-term strategy Need to mitigate against future impacts. Not acting soon will mean long-term social and economic costs of mitigation and adaption.</li> <li>4. Equity dimensions Developing countries will be worst affected by the impacts of climate change.</li> <li>5. Inaction is inexcusable Need to start implementing changes based on technology that is currently available rather than keep waiting.</li> </ol>	<p>Policies should be mindful of the need to reduce carbon emissions and increase energy consumption from renewable sources.</p> <p>Policies should recognise the importance of climate changes by encouraging sustainable development, particularly the sustainable infrastructure which goes with it.</p>	SA needs to mitigate against the impacts of climate change.

Plan/ programme/ strategy	Key aims, relevant objectives, targets and indicators	Implications for the Borough Plan	Implications for the Sustainability Appraisal (SA)
	6. Meeting the challenge Need to have strict guidelines and targets to encourage change.		
EU Directive 01/42/EC on Strategic Environmental Assessment, European Union, 2001	The key principle of this directive is to ensure that the environmental consequences of plans, policies and programmes are identified and assessed during their preparation to make sure they are environmentally sound.	All plans, policies and programmes will be subject to SEA.	SA should ensure this element is included.
EU Directive 2000/60/EC on Water Framework, European Union, 2000	Requires all Member States to achieve 'good ecological status' of inland water bodies by 2015, and limits the quantity of groundwater abstraction to that portion of overall recharge not needed by ecology. To achieve 'good ecological status' of inland water bodies by 2015. The EU Water Framework Directive aims to protect waters: Rivers, Lakes, Coastal Waters and Transitional Waters. Key Objectives include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection of aquatic ecology</li> <li>• Protection of unique habitats</li> <li>• Protection of drinking water resources</li> <li>• Protection of bathing water</li> <li>• Protection from chemical contamination.</li> </ul>	Policies should aim to reduce negative impacts on water bodies.  Policies should aim to protect waterways and give consideration to the aims and objectives of the Water Framework Directive.	The SA should give consideration to the effects of the plans on the quality of water and possible impacts on marine biology/aquatic ecology/natural habitats.  SA should make sure commitments for water quality are long term.
EU Directive 2002/49/EC on Environmental Noise, European Union, 2002	Aims to define a common approach across the European Union to avoid, prevent or reduce the harmful effects of environmental noise from road, rail and air traffic and industry. By 2007 strategic noise maps have to be prepared and by 2008 action plans have to be developed for how to reduce environmental noise where necessary.	Policies should consider the noise impacts of new developments.	SA should ensure noise does not have detrimental effect on the environment.
EU Directive 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe, European Union, 2008	Key points from this directive are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• defining and establishing objectives for ambient air quality. designed to reduce harmful effects on health and the environment;</li> <li>• ensuring that such information on ambient air quality is made available to the public;</li> <li>• maintaining air quality where it is good and improving it in other cases.</li> </ul>	Policies should ensure that any proposals do not reduce or have a detrimental effect on air quality.	SA should mitigate against increased pollution and protect air quality.
EU Directive 2008/98/EC on Waste, European Union, 2008	This Directive establishes a legal framework for the treatment of waste within the Community. It aims at protecting the environment and human health through the prevention of the harmful effects of waste generation and waste management. It is essential to reinforce measures to be taken with regard to prevention as well as the reduction of the impacts of waste generation and waste management on the environment. The recovery of waste should be encouraged so as to preserve natural resources.	Policies should seek to protect environmental and human health by encouraging waste efficient developments.	SA should seek to help move waste up the waste hierarchy and reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill.
EU Directive 2009/147/EC on the Conservation of Wild Birds	Aims to provide long-term protection and conservation of all bird species naturally living in the wild within the European territory of the Member States. Imposes duty on Member States to sustain populations of naturally occurring wild birds by sustaining areas of habitats in order to maintain populations at ecologically and scientifically sound levels.	Policies should promote biodiversity and avoid/reducing habitat fragmentation.	SA should protect important habitats.
EU Directive 2009/28/EC on the Promotion of the Use of Energy from Renewable Sources,	This directive establishes a common framework for the promotion of energy from renewable sources. Member states must meet targets to provide a percentage of renewable energy in relation to their total energy consumption by	Policies should take into account the targets on transport, electricity and heating from renewable resources, in particular where considering the	The SA should include objectives on production/use of transport, electricity and heating from renewable resources.

Plan/ programme/ strategy	Key aims, relevant objectives, targets and indicators	Implications for the Borough Plan	Implications for the Sustainability Appraisal (SA)
European Union, 2009	2020, specifically 10% in the transport sector. Targets are also set by Member States in relation to electricity and heating.	development of necessary infrastructure.	
EU Directive 91/156/EEC on Waste Framework, European Union, 1991	<p>The Waste Framework Directive (WFD) requires Member States of the EU to establish both a network of disposal facilities and competent authorities with responsibility for issuing waste management authorisations and licenses. Member States may also introduce regulations which specify which waste recovery operations and businesses are exempt from the licensing regimes and the conditions for those exemptions. An important objective of the WFD is to ensure the recovery of waste or its disposal without endangering human health and the environment. Greater emphasis is also placed on the prevention, reduction, re-use and recycling of waste.</p> <p>Article 4: Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure that waste is recovered or disposed of without endangering human health and without using processes or methods which could harm the environment, and in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Without risk to water, air, soil and plants and animals</li> <li>• Without causing a nuisance through noise or odours</li> <li>• Without adversely affecting the countryside or places of special interest.</li> </ul>	Policies should consider these impacts when deciding on locations for waste disposal or processing.	SA should include objectives for noise, air, landscape, and biodiversity.
EU Directive 91/676/EEC on Nitrates, European Union, 1991	<p>The Directive addresses water pollution by nitrates from agriculture. It seeks to reduce or prevent the pollution of water caused by the application and storage of inorganic fertiliser and manure on farmland. It is designed both to safeguard drinking water supplies and to prevent wider ecological damage in the form of the eutrophication of freshwater and marine waters generally.</p> <p>Every four years Member States shall report on polluted or likely to be polluted waters and designed vulnerable zones, and measures and actions taken to reduce the pollution from nitrates.</p> <p>Polluted waters are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surface freshwaters, in particular those used or intended for the abstraction of drinking water, that contain or could contain, more than the concentration of nitrates laid down in accordance with Directive 75/440/EEC;</li> <li>• Groundwaters containing or that could contain more than 50 mg/l nitrates;</li> <li>• Natural freshwater lakes, other freshwater bodies, estuaries, coastal waters and marine waters found or likely to be eutrophic.</li> </ul>	Policies should seek to protect water quality.	SA should include objectives on water quality, particularly near agricultural land.
EU Directive 92/43/EEC on Habitats, European Union, 1992	<p>The aim of this Directive is to contribute towards ensuring biodiversity through the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora in the European territory of the Member States to which the Treaty applies. Measures taken pursuant to this Directive are designed to maintain or restore, at favourable conservation status, natural habitats and species of wild fauna and flora of Community interest.</p> <p>Article 3.1: Maintain or restore in a favourable condition designated natural habitat types, and habitats of designated species listed in Annexes</p>	<p>Policies should accept the primacy of nature conservation objectives. Ensure the location of designated areas is clear and taken into account in any options.</p> <p>Review the extent to which DPD options would damage or destroy these features, or sever habitats over a wide area or long distance, and use less</p>	SA should prioritise policies that avoid or result in minimal damage to designated areas.

Plan/ programme/ strategy	Key aims, relevant objectives, targets and indicators	Implications for the Borough Plan	Implications for the Sustainability Appraisal (SA)
	<p>I and II respectively of the Directive.</p> <p>Article 6.2: Take appropriate steps to avoid degrading or destroying natural habitats within SACs, and avoid disturbance of designated species insofar as this would result in further decline in numbers or the loss of habitat that maintains the species.</p> <p>Article 6.3: Any plan or project not directly concerned with the management of a designated site (SAC/SPA), but which is likely to have a significant impact on it (individually or in combination with other projects), should undergo assessment of its implications for the conservation objectives of the site.</p> <p>Article 6.4: If the project must proceed in the public interest and in spite of negative conservation impacts, including social or economic reasons, compensatory measures must be provided for.</p> <p>The Article provides limited scope for development in designated areas. It is only acceptable on grounds of human health and safety (but not economic development) if it affects habitats supporting protected species.</p> <p>Article 10: Linear structures such as rivers/streams, hedgerows, field boundaries, ponds, etc., that enable movement and migration of species should be preserved.</p>	damaging options or appropriate mitigation measures.	
EU Directive 96/62/EC on Ambient Air Quality and Management, European Union, 1996	<p>Introduces new air quality standards for previously unregulated pollutants, setting the timetable for the development of daughter directives on a range of pollutants. The list of atmospheric pollutants to be considered includes sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, particulate matter, lead and ozone – pollutants governed by already existing ambient air quality objectives- and benzene, carbon monoxide, poly-aromatic hydrocarbons, cadmium, arsenic, nickel and mercury.</p> <p>Establishes mandatory standards for air quality and sets limits and guides values for sulphur and nitrogen dioxide, suspended particulates and lead in air.</p>	Policies should aim to improve air quality.	SA should ensure there are relevant objectives for air quality.
EU Directive 97/11/EC on European Environmental Impact Assessment Directives, European Union, 1997	This directive requires certain projects to be assessed on its environmental impact. This ensures any environmental effects can be mitigated against.	Policies should look into sites where assessments may be required.	SA should ensure that assessments are carried out when there are likely to be significant environmental impacts.
EU Directive 99/31/EC on Waste to Landfill, European Union, 1999	<p>The Directive aims at reducing the amount of waste landfilled, to promote recycling and recovery and to establish high standards of landfill practice across the EU and, through the harmonisation of standards, to prevent the shipping of waste from one Country to another. The objective of the Directive is to prevent or reduce as far as possible negative effects on the environment from the landfilling of waste, by introducing stringent technical requirements for waste and landfills.</p> <p>The Directive also intends to prevent or reduce the adverse effects of the landfill of waste on the environment, in particular on surface water, groundwater, soil, air and human health. It defines the different categories of waste (municipal waste, hazardous waste, non-hazardous waste and inert waste) and applies to all landfills, defined as waste disposal sites for the deposit of waste onto or into land.</p>	Policies should take into account the reduction targets, in particular when considering the management of biodegradable municipal waste (BMW).	SA should include objectives on reduction of BMW sent to landfill.

Plan/ programme/ strategy	Key aims, relevant objectives, targets and indicators	Implications for the Borough Plan	Implications for the Sustainability Appraisal (SA)
	Reduction of the amount of biodegradable municipal waste sent to landfill to 75% of the total generated in 1995 by 2006, 50% by 2009 and 35% by 2016.		
EU Sixth Environmental Action Programme, EU, 2001	<p>The Environmental Action Programme highlights four environmental action areas that it aims to tackle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate Change</li> <li>• Nature and Biodiversity</li> <li>• Environment and Health and Quality of Life</li> <li>• Natural Resources and Waste</li> </ul> <p>The Directive depicts the following main avenues for action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efficient implementation of environmental legislation:</li> <li>• Integration and consideration of environmental concerns throughout policies</li> <li>• A variety of different approaches</li> <li>• Promotion of participation and an inclusive approach across society.</li> </ul>	<p>Policies should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• address climate change</li> <li>• protect nature and biodiversity in the area</li> <li>• protect and enhance the environment and health</li> <li>• promote sustainable use of natural resources and encourage management of wastes.</li> </ul>	SA needs to consider long term environmental sustainability.
European Biodiversity Strategy, European Commission, 1998	<p>The European Biodiversity Strategy aims to anticipate, prevent and attack the causes of significant reduction or loss of biodiversity at the source. The strategy focuses on action at a European level and targets policy areas that have the most significant impacts on Biodiversity.</p> <p>Targeted sectors include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservation of Natural Resources (this includes nature conservation policies)</li> <li>• Agriculture</li> <li>• Fisheries</li> <li>• Regional Policies and Spatial Planning</li> <li>• Forests</li> <li>• Energy and Transport</li> <li>• Tourism</li> <li>• Economic and Development Co-operation.</li> </ul>	Policies should mitigate against loss or reduction of Biodiversity.	SA needs to consider the long term impacts of development on biodiversity.
European Commission White Paper on the European Transport Policy, European Union, 2001	<p>With its Transport Policy White Paper, the Commission proposed an Action Plan aimed at bringing about substantial improvements in the quality and efficiency of transport in Europe. It also proposed a strategy designed to gradually break the link between constant transport growth and economic growth in order to reduce the pressure on the environment and prevent congestion while maintaining the EU's economic competitiveness.</p> <p>Approximately 60 measures are set out to develop a transport policy for Europe's citizens. Amongst others 'towards sustainable mobility': Transport in Europe must, as a matter of priority, be compatible with environmental protection. To this end, the Commission proposed a wide range of measures to develop fair infrastructure charging which takes into account external costs and encourages the use of the least polluting modes of transport, to define sensitive areas, in particular in the Alps and Pyrenees, which should be eligible for additional funding for alternative transport, and to promote clean fuels.</p> <p>The principal measures suggested in the White Paper include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revitalising the railways</li> <li>• Improving quality in the road transport sector</li> <li>• Striking a balance between growth in air transport and the environment</li> <li>• Transport and the environment</li> </ul>	Policies should aim to contribute to these aims where appropriate, by setting objectives and measures.	SA should seek to encourage sustainable transport to prevent significant increases in carbon emissions.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turning inter modality into reality</li> <li>• Improving road safety</li> <li>• Adopting a policy on effective charging for transport</li> <li>• Recognising the rights and obligations of users</li> <li>• Developing high-quality urban transport</li> <li>• Developing medium and long-term environmental objectives for a sustainable transport system.</li> </ul>		
European Floods Directive 2009	<p>This directive sets out some objectives which are relevant to the Action Plan, which can be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• preventing damage caused by floods by avoiding construction of houses and industries in present and future flood-prone areas or by adapting future developments to the risk of flooding</li> <li>• taking measures to reduce the likelihood of floods and/or the impact of floods in a specific location such as restoring flood plains and wetlands.</li> </ul>	The Borough Plan should seek to prevent construction in flood zones where possible, and seek to restore natural flood storage features.	SA should ensure due care is given to preventing increased flooding as a result of development.
European Landscape Convention, 2004	The aim of this convention is to encourage public authorities to adopt policies to manage and plan for landscapes. This covers all landscapes, from the outstanding to the ordinary, as all landscapes can influence the quality of people's environments. The ways of achieving this are through conservation in the form of protection, management, and improvement, but also via the creation of landscapes.	The landscapes of the Borough should be considered in relation to new development as well as for the purposes of conservation.	SA should aim to protect and manage the landscapes of the Borough.
European Sustainable Development Strategy, European Union, 2001	<p>The environmental objectives and priorities of this strategy fall out of the EU Sixth Environmental Action Programme which was developed by the EU.</p> <p>This strategy focuses on the need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit climate change and increase the use of clean energy</li> <li>• Address threats to public health (e.g. hazardous chemicals, food safety)</li> <li>• Combat poverty and social exclusion</li> <li>• Deal with the economic and social implications of an ageing society</li> <li>• Manage natural resources more responsibly (including biodiversity and waste generation)</li> <li>• Improve the transport system and land use management.</li> </ul>	Policies should reduce carbon emissions and decrease social disparities.	SA should seek to promote sustainable development at all levels.
Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change, UN, 1997	<p>The Kyoto Protocol supports the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change which sets an overall framework for intergovernmental efforts to tackle the challenge posed by climate change.</p> <p>Articles 2(a-vii) &amp; Article 3: Applies the Protocol to reduction of ozone-depleting gases produced by the transport sector not covered by the Montreal Protocol (CFCs and fluorocarbons). Article 3 contains the key obligation requiring reduction in anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> levels to at least 5% below 1990 levels by 2012. Article 10(b-1): Requires signatories to implement and publish regular plans detailing how reduction targets will be met in specific sectors, including transport. It might be argued that sustainable transport policies RTSs and LTPs might contribute to this commitment.</p>	Policies should ensure all reasonable opportunities are taken forward to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy and higher energy efficiency.	SA should ensure that the production of greenhouse gases are reduced, particularly in new developments.
Paris Agreement, UN, 2016	The Paris Agreement's central aim is to strengthen the global response to the threat of	Policies should be mindful of the need to reduce carbon	SA needs to mitigate against the impacts of climate change.

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	climate change by keeping a global temperature rise this century well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Additionally, the agreement aims to strengthen the ability of countries to deal with the impacts of climate change.	emissions and increase energy consumption from renewable sources. Policies should recognise the importance of climate changes by encouraging sustainable development, particularly the sustainable infrastructure which goes with it.	
The Convention on Biological Diversity, Rio de Janeiro, 1992	The convention is designed to conserve biological diversity, ensure the sustainable use of this diversity and share the benefits generated by the use of genetic resources. Each contracting party should (article 6a) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop national strategies for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity</li> <li>• Integrate the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity into relevant sectoral and cross-sectoral plans, programmes and policies.</li> </ul>	Policies should aim to facilitate the protection and enhancement of biodiversity.	SA should include objectives for biodiversity.
The Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe, Council of Europe, 1985	The main purpose of the Convention is to reinforce and promote policies for the conservation and enhancement of Europe's heritage. It also affirms the need for European solidarity with regard to heritage conservation and is designed to foster practical co-operation among the Parties. It establishes the principles of "European co-ordination of conservation policies" including consultations regarding the thrust of the policies to be implemented.	Policies should support the protection of important heritage assets.	SA needs to ensure the sustainable management of our historic assets and should include objectives for heritage.
The European Convention on the Protection of Archaeological Heritage, Council of Europe, 1992	The Convention reflects the change in the nature of threats to the archaeological heritage, which now came less from unauthorised excavations, as in the 1960s, and more from the major construction projects carried out all over Europe from 1980 onwards. It establishes a body of new basic legal standards for Europe, to be met by national policies for the protection of archaeological assets as sources of scientific and documentary evidence, in line with the principles of integrated conservation. The text makes the conservation and enhancement of the archaeological heritage one of the goals of urban and regional planning policies. It is concerned in particular with arrangements to be made for co-operation among archaeologists and town and regional planners in order to ensure optimum conservation of archaeological heritage.	Policies should support the protection of important archaeological assets.	SA needs to ensure the sustainable management of our archaeological assets and should include objectives for heritage including archaeology.
World Summit on Sustainable Development - Earth Summit, 2002	The Johannesburg Summit 2002 – the World Summit on Sustainable Development – aimed to address difficult challenges, including improving people's lives and conserving our natural resources in a world that is growing in population, with ever increasing demands for food, water, shelter, sanitation, energy, health services and economic security. Fundamental goals include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater resource efficiency</li> <li>• Waste reduction</li> <li>• Promotion of renewable energy</li> <li>• Significantly reduce loss of biodiversity by 2010.</li> </ul>	Policies should have significant impacts on the issues mentioned and should try to contribute towards their achievement locally.	SA should ensure all development is sustainable.
<b>National</b>			
A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to	The 25 Year Environment Plan sets out government action to help the natural world	Policies should take into account existing biodiversity and	SA should ensure biodiversity is maintained or improved in the

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Improve the Environment, UK Government, 2018	regain and retain good health. It aims to deliver cleaner air and water in our cities and rural landscapes, protect threatened species and provide richer wildlife habitats. It calls for an approach to agriculture, forestry, land use and fishing that puts the environment first.	how it can be maintained, as well as protecting it from future developments.	Borough, and should consider any effects on natural resources.
Biodiversity 2020, A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services, 2011	Take targeted action for the recovery of priority species, whose conservation is not delivered through wider habitat-based and ecosystem measures. Ensure that agricultural genetic diversity is conserved and enhanced wherever appropriate. Bring a greater amount of woodland into sustainable management and expand the area of woodland in England. Guide development to appropriate locations, encourage greener design and enable development to enhance natural networks. Reduce air pollution impacts on biodiversity by targeting the relevant sectors producing the pollutants. Pilot biodiversity offsetting.	Policies should take into account existing biodiversity and how it can be maintained, as well as protecting it from future developments.	SA should ensure biodiversity is maintained or improved in the Borough.
Clean Growth Strategy, UK Government, 2018	This Strategy sets out a comprehensive set of policies and proposals that aim to accelerate the pace of "clean growth", i.e. deliver increased economic growth and decreased emissions. This is to be achieved, inter alia, improving business and industry efficiency, improving homes, accelerating the shift to low carbon transport, delivering clean, smart and flexible power, and enhancing the benefits of our natural resources.	Policies should be mindful of the need to reduce carbon emissions and increase energy consumption from renewable sources. Policies should recognise the importance of climate changes by encouraging sustainable development, particularly the sustainable infrastructure which goes with it.	SA needs to mitigate against the impacts of climate change.
Climate Change Act (including 2050 Target Amendment), UK Government, 2008	The Act sets legally binding targets: Greenhouse gas emission reductions through action in the UK and abroad of 100% by 2050, and reductions in CO <sub>2</sub> emissions of at least 26% by 2020, against a 1990 baseline.	Policies should aim to locate development in the most sustainable locations.	SA should support low carbon development.
Climate Change Plan, DEFRA, 2010	The Climate Change Plan contains the following relevant aims: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage greater use of green infrastructure to cool urban temperatures, reduce flood risk and connect wildlife habitats</li> <li>Encourage woodland creation.</li> </ul>	The Borough Plan should seek to encourage the introduction and maintenance of green infrastructure in new developments.	SA should ensure presence of green infrastructure throughout the Borough.
Community Infrastructure Levy Guidance, 2014	Information on who has to pay CIL; how the rates are set, collected, can be spent on, and by whom; rights of appeal; how CIL relates to S.106; the forms of relief from CIL; and enforcement.	Borough's adopted CIL should be in line with the guidance.	SA should ensure CIL is used to support sustainable development.
Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations, UK Government, 2010	The Regulations provide for the designation and protection of European Sites and European protected species.	Policies should ensure protection of sites of European importance and consider the impact of any development.	SA should ensure development does not have a negative impact on sensitive habitats.
Creating Growth, Cutting Carbon Making Sustainable Local Transport Happen, Department for Transport, 2011	This document forms part of our overall strategy to tackle carbon emissions from transport. Transport plays a vital part in a places ability to grow. Getting people to work and to be able to access services such as education and healthcare, as well as leisure activities and shops, is crucial to improving quality of life and to enhancing people's spending power. However, people's increased mobility should not be at the expense of increased carbon so sustainable forms of transport need to be encouraged particularly for short journeys.	Policies should be positive and proactive towards economic growth, whilst also ensuring that sustainable transportation is encouraged.	SA should ensure growth does not have harmful implications for the environment.
England Tree Strategy	The consultation is split into four pillars: 1) Expanding and Connecting trees and	Policies to recognise aims, in particular the links between	SA should consider any effects on natural resources.

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consultation, DEFRA, 2020	<p>woodland;</p> <p>2) Protecting and Improving our trees and woodland;</p> <p>3) Engaging people with trees and woodland; and</p> <p>4) Supporting the economy.</p> <p>This consultation document reflects Committee on Climate Change (CCC) advice that the UK should increase planting rates to between 30,000 and 50,000 hectares per year and maintain these to 2050 to reach net zero emissions. Reaching this rate by 2025 puts us in a good position to adapt flexibly to future requirements to balance the decarbonisation pathways of all sectors to deliver our net zero target.</p>	<p>greenspace and health and the need to protect and enhance our existing natural resources and greenspaces. The importance of trees beyond the boundaries of the Borough, in combating climate change.</p>	
Flood and Water Management Act, UK Government, 2010	<p>Outlines local authorities to take responsibility for the co-ordination of flood risk management in their area. The 'lead local flood authority' will be the County Council and they will develop, maintain, apply and monitor a strategy for local food risk management.</p>	<p>Policies should aim to reduce water consumption and prevent surface water flooding.</p>	<p>SA should encourage sustainable development practices such as SUDs and support the reduction of water consumption.</p>
Future High Streets Fund, UK Government, 2018	<p>The Future High Streets Fund was set up to help local areas to respond to and adapt to changes. It will support local areas to prepare long-term strategies for their high streets and town centres, including funding a new High Streets Taskforce to provide expertise and hands-on support to local areas and it will also then co-fund with local areas projects. The funding could be used by these areas to improve transport and access into town centres, convert empty retail units into new homes and workplaces, and invest in vital infrastructure.</p>	<p>Nuneaton town centre has been successfully shortlisted and is one of the 57 areas that have received a provisional funding of £13,362,736. The proposals need to be finalized with the UK Government. Policies should not be produced that could conflict with any actions that result from the Fund.</p>	<p>SA should ensure be mindful of the potential of the Fund to change Nuneaton town centre.</p>
Future Water: The Government's water strategy for England, UK Government, 2008	<p>The vision for water policy and management is one where, by 2030 at the latest we have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• improved the quality of our water environment and the ecology which it supports, and continued to provide high levels of drinking water quality from our taps;</li> <li>• sustainably managed risks from flooding and coastal erosion, with greater understanding and more effective management of surface water;</li> <li>• ensured a sustainable use of water resources, and implemented fair, affordable and cost-reflective water charges;</li> <li>• cut greenhouse gas emissions;</li> <li>• embedded continuous adaptation to climate change and other pressures across the water industry and water users.</li> </ul>	<p>Policies should require any new developments to use water efficiently and manage flood risk.</p>	<p>SA should include sustainability objectives to minimise flood risk and encourage improvement of water quality and ensure efficient use of water.</p>
Government Vision Statement on the Historic Environment, DCMS, 2010	<p>The Governments vision sets out 6 strategic aims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strategic Leadership: Ensure that relevant policy, guidance, and standards across Government emphasize our responsibility to manage England's historic environment for present and future generations.</li> <li>2. Protective Framework: Ensure that all heritage assets are afforded an appropriate and effective level of protection, while allowing, where appropriate, for well managed and intelligent change.</li> <li>3. Local Capacity: Encourage structures, skills and systems at a local level which: promote early consideration of the historic environment; ensure that local decision makers have access to the expertise they need; and provide</li> </ol>	<p>Policies should strive to meet the 6 aims to ensure that the historic environment plays a role in the development of the Borough.</p>	<p>SA should ensure sustainability is a prominent focus when considering historic features.</p>

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	<p>sufficiently skilled people to execute proposed changes to heritage assets sensitively and sympathetically.</p> <p>4. Public Involvement: Promote opportunities to place people and communities at the centre of the designation and management of their local historic environment and to make use of heritage as a focus for learning and community identity at all levels.</p> <p>5. Direct Ownership: Ensure all heritage assets in public ownership meet appropriate standards of care and use while allowing, where appropriate, for well managed and intelligent change.</p> <p>6. Sustainable Future: Seek to promote the role of the historic environment within the Government's response to climate change and as part of its sustainable development agenda.</p>		
<p>Healthy Lives, Healthy People: Our strategy for public health in England – White Paper, UK Government, 2010</p>	<p>This white paper outlines the Government's commitment to improving people's health and wellbeing, particularly those who are most deprived.</p> <p>The quality of the environment around us affects any community. Pollution, air quality, noise, the availability of green and open spaces, transport, housing, access to good-quality food and social isolation all influence the health and wellbeing of the local population.</p>	<p>Policies should seek to improve general health and well-being.</p> <p>Policies should be mindful of the impact of developments on the local community and should strive to improve the quality of life of residents.</p>	<p>SA should encourage sustainable development practices and be mindful of the environments beneficial impact on health and wellbeing.</p>
<p>Historic England Advice Notes, Historic England, various</p>	<p>Set out detailed, practical advice on how to implement national planning policy and guidance.</p>	<p>Policies should take into account relevant advice notes.</p>	<p>SA should ensure that new development that may affect heritage assets are sustainable.</p>
<p>Historic Environment Good Practice Advice Notes, Historic England, various</p>	<p>Provide supporting information on good practice, particularly looking at the principles of how national policy and guidance can be applied.</p>	<p>Policies should take into account relevant good practice advice notes.</p>	<p>SA should ensure that new development that may affect heritage assets are sustainable.</p>
<p>Laying the Foundations: A House Building Strategy for England, November 2011</p>	<p>This strategy sets actions to take into account for the required increase in the construction of housing to meet targets. Below are some of the relevant ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £500 million Growing Places Fund to support infrastructure to unblock housing and economic growth</li> <li>• Freeing up public sector land with Build Now, Pay Later deals where there is market demand and it is affordable, as well as value for money, to support builders who are struggling to get finance up front</li> <li>• More support for local areas that want to deliver larger scale new development to meet the needs of their growing community</li> <li>• £150 million funding to bring empty homes back into use.</li> </ul>	<p>Policies should take into consideration the Borough's potential ability to make use of the sources of funding on offer through this strategy.</p>	<p>SA should ensure that all new development is sustainable and meeting a required demand.</p>
<p>Laying the Foundations: A housing strategy for England, CLG, 2011</p>	<p>The Housing Strategy sets out a package of reforms to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• get the housing market moving again</li> <li>• lay the foundations for a more responsive, effective and stable housing market in the future</li> <li>• support choice and quality for tenants</li> <li>• improve environmental standards and design quality.</li> </ul>	<p>Policies should ensure housing needs in the Borough are met.</p>	<p>SA should ensure housing is located in sustainable locations.</p>
<p>Local growth: realising every place's potential, Business Innovation</p>	<p>The Government will focus on three key themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shifting power to local communities and businesses – those who understand their</li> </ul>	<p>Policies should be positive and proactive towards economic growth.</p>	<p>SA should ensure growth is sustainable.</p>

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and Skills, 2010	<p>economies best should lead their development and enable all places to fulfill their potential.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasing confidence to invest - create the right conditions for growth through Government allowing market forces to determine where growth takes place and provide incentives which ensure that local communities benefit from development.</li> <li>Focused intervention – tackling barriers to growth that the market will not address itself, supporting investment that will have a long term impact on growth and supporting areas with long term growth challenges manage their transition to what is appropriate for the local area. Government policies should work with the market, not seek to artificially create growth.</li> </ul>		
Localism Act, UK Government, 2011	<p>This Act sets out the regulatory framework for the planning system. The key points for the Act are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>new freedoms and flexibilities for local government → general power of competence, Clarifying the rules on predetermination,</li> <li>new rights and powers for communities and individuals → community right to challenge, local referendums,</li> <li>reform to make the planning system more democratic and more effective → Abolition of regional planning, neighbourhood planning, community right to build, duty to cooperate, Infrastructure Planning Commission abolished and restores responsibility for taking decisions to elected, accountable Ministers.</li> <li>reform to ensure that decisions about housing are taken locally → social housing tenure reform, reform of homelessness legislation, reform of social housing regulation.</li> </ul>	The Borough Plan must be in compliance with the requirements of the Act.	SA should ensure any implemented measures lead to sustainable outcomes.
Low Emissions Strategies -using the planning system to reduce transport emissions: Good Practice Guidance, DEFRA, 2010	<p>Well-designed developments may actively help to enhance air quality, manage exposure and reduce overall emissions.</p> <p>Good quality low emission development contributes to public health and sustainable development goals and helps to create the attractive environments and vibrant communities, which are vital for continued wellbeing and local prosperity.</p> <p>Local authorities should ensure that their approach on low emission strategies is well integrated with their wider approach on adaptation.</p>	Policies should consider the wider effects of their implication, particularly minimising congestion and increase the use of sustainable transportation.	SA should include objectives that will increase environmentally sustainable development and encourage the use of sustainable transport within these developments.
Making Space for Nature, White Paper, John Lawton, September 2010	<p>This white paper looks to enhance biodiversity and restore natural ecosystems using a variety of objectives. The relevant topics to the Action Plan include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide accessible natural environments rich in wildlife for people to enjoy and experience</li> <li>Wildlife sites will be of adequate size</li> <li>Wildlife sites will receive protection</li> <li>Sufficient ecological connections will exist between sites to enable species movement</li> <li>Buffering wildlife sites.</li> </ul>	Consider how wildlife sites can be enhanced, both for the public and the environment. Also look at greater an increased amount of links between wildlife sites.	SA should ensure enhancement and connectivity of wildlife sites.
Natural Environment	Under this act there are a few areas which are	To take into account the	SA should ensure the

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and Rural Communities Act, 2006	<p>relevant and need to be considered, these being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duty to conserve biodiversity</li> <li>• Biodiversity lists and action (England)</li> <li>• Protection for nests of certain birds which re-use their nests.</li> </ul>	allocation of any areas/sites for development that would conflict with the protections provided by this act.	conservation and protection of biodiversity in the Borough.
Plan for Growth, Treasury, 2011	<p>The Government's economic policy objective is to achieve strong, sustainable and balanced growth that is more evenly shared across the country and between industries. The Plan for Growth contains four overarching ambitions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to create the most competitive tax system in the G20;</li> <li>2. to make the UK one of the best places in Europe to start, finance and grow a business;</li> <li>3. to encourage investment and exports as a route to a more balanced economy;</li> <li>4. to create a more educated workforce that is the most flexible in Europe.</li> </ol>	Policies should encourage sustainable, long-term economic growth and provide positive and proactive strategies.	SA should ensure growth does not have harmful implications for the environment.
Protecting biodiversity and ecosystems at home and abroad, 2014	<p>This plan refers to the Habitats and Wild Birds Directive, and Biodiversity 2020, which are already considered in the scoping report, however one area that differ is the target to enforce the laws and agreements that protect areas of land, and making sure they are properly managed and conserved.</p>	The Borough Plan should seek to protect all areas covered by law and agreements, notably LNRs, SSSIs, SACs and Green Belt.	SA should seek to continue protection of land under legal or agreed protections.
Public Health Guidance 8 - Promoting and creating built or natural environments that encourage and support physical activity, NICE, 2008	<p>The document outlines 3 recommendations in relation to land use planning :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategies, policies and plans → involve all local communities and experts at all stages</li> <li>• Public open spaces → Ensure public open spaces and public paths can be reached on foot, by bicycle and using other modes of transport involving physical activity. Ensure public open spaces and public paths are maintained to a high standard</li> <li>• Buildings → Ensure new workplaces are linked to walking and cycling networks.</li> </ul>	Policies should ensure they set out objectives which promote improvements to quality of life and wellbeing.	SA should encourage a healthy way of living through sustainable transport and the provision of open spaces.
Renewable Energy Strategy, DECC, 2009	<p>Sets out an action plan for delivering the renewables revolution up to 2020. It advises on the fuels and technologies that are most likely to achieve the emission and renewables targets.</p>	Policies should aim to locate development in the most sustainable locations.	SA should support low carbon development.
Securing Community Benefits through the Planning Process: Improving performance on Section 106 agreements, Audit Commission, 2006	<p>This report summarises the findings of Audit Commission research looking at how effectively councils use planning obligations to deliver sustainable development and how they could improve their performance.</p> <p>Key findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• there is a wide variation in what councils secure under the Section 106 process – some are missing out on opportunities to secure benefits through the planning process;</li> <li>• those councils without a detailed policy on planning obligations secure substantially fewer community benefits, including affordable housing, than other councils in similar circumstances; and</li> <li>• councils that have improved have often done so in response to the government's recent focus on improving planning performance or other drivers such as involvement from their corporate centres – chief executives, leaders, and portfolio holders.</li> </ul> <p>Recommendations Councils should:</p>	The findings and recommendations of the Audit Commission report should be reflected in the DPD.	SA should reflect the recommendations.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• put in place detailed policy in SPDs, describing the developer contributions that will be expected through planning obligations;</li> <li>• engage chief executives, leaders and portfolio holders to integrate the current and potential contributions of planning obligations with the delivery of the community strategy; and</li> <li>• ensure that the other building blocks are in place to improve performance on planning obligations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ test the potential impact of their policies on development viability;</li> <li>○ set up a system to deal with planning obligations and ensure that an effective process is in place;</li> <li>○ be clear about when and how communities are involved;</li> <li>○ improve transparency by publicising the results and outcomes obtained through planning agreements;</li> <li>○ manage the risks and monitor the outcomes to ensure that contributions are spent on what they were intended for in the agreed timescale; and draw on the experience of other councils in similar circumstances</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Skills for Growth – The National Skills Strategy, BIS, 2009	<p>The strategy sets out the Government's vision for reform of the further education and skills system in order to improve the skills of the workforce, the performance of the economy and engagement in learning.</p> <p>This strategy sets out radical reform of the skills system, to deliver skills for sustainable growth. It is founded on the Coalition principles of fairness, responsibility and freedom.</p> <p>Investing in skills pays a double dividend for society. Skilled individuals have more options and climb higher. They earn more, get greater satisfaction from their jobs, and the wealth they help to create stimulates the creation of more jobs.</p>	Policies should aim to encourage economic growth with a particular emphasis on education and skills.	SA should ensure any growth is sustainable and environmentally sound.
Space for People, Woodland Trust, 2010	<p>The Woodland Trust suggest targets for access to woodland, and also make reference to Natural England's targets for access to greenspace. These are outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No person should live more than 500m from at least one area of woodland of no less than 2ha in size</li> <li>• There should also be at least one area of accessible woodland of no less than 20ha within 4km (8km round trip) of people's houses.</li> </ul> <p>Natural England and the Countryside Council for Wales Accessible Natural Greenspace Standard (ANGSt) recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No person should live more than 300m from their nearest area of natural greenspace of at least 2ha in size</li> <li>• At least one accessible 20ha site within 2km of home</li> <li>• One accessible 100ha site within 5km of home</li> <li>• One accessible 500ha site within 10km of home</li> <li>• Provision of at least 1ha of Local Nature Reserves per 1,000.</li> </ul>	Consideration should be given to the standards outlined by both the Woodland Trust and Natural England in the formation of policies.	SA should seek to ensure provision of woodland areas for the Borough.

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The Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment) Regulations 2014, CLG	This document provides an outline of the Government's regulations for a standard charge for new developments in order to help fund improvements to infrastructure in the local vicinity or sub-region.	Will help the Borough to implement infrastructure to support growth.	SA should ensure CIL is used to support sustainable development.
The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), MHCLG, 2019	<p>The NPPF sets out the Government's economic, environmental and social planning policies for England. It emphasises the importance of sustainable development and the need for positive growth.</p> <p>Local planning authorities should set out the strategic priorities for the area in the Local Plan. This should include strategic policies to deliver: homes and jobs, provision for retail, leisure and commercial development, infrastructure and environmental mitigation, adaption, conservation and enhancement.</p> <p>Sustainable development will be delivered by: Economic Planning; Social Planning; and Environmental Planning.</p>	<p>Policies should encourage sustainable development and take into account the economic, social and environmental implications of decisions.</p> <p>Policies need to be flexible to reflect the changing economic environment.</p> <p>Policies should consider how they can create healthy communities by securing and protecting appropriate open space and providing access to services and amenities.</p> <p>Policies should seek to protect important aspects of the built and natural environment in order to preserve them for future generations.</p> <p>Policies need to provide positive and proactive strategies to encourage sustainable economic growth in the Borough.</p>	SA should consider the economic, social and environmental implications on any objectives and strategies.
The National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG), MHCLG	The NPPG goes into more detail on points addressed within the NPPF.	<p>Policies should take account of the environment, and developments' affect upon it.</p> <p>Policies should consider the existing and future built environment, looking to maintain or improve the urban areas.</p> <p>Policies should meet the legal requirements necessary for a Local Plan.</p> <p>Policies must consider the need for housing, and the methods required to meet the need.</p> <p>The health and wellbeing of the Borough needs to be considered, both generally and specifically, e.g. sports provision.</p> <p>Cooperation with other bodies/authorities is needed for certain aspects of the Borough Plan.</p> <p>Sustainable transport measures could be considered on a Borough-wide scale.</p>	SA should consider the economic, social and environmental implications on any objectives and strategies.
The Natural Choice: Securing the Value of Nature, 2011	This White Paper looks to guide development to the best locations, encourage greener design and enable development to enhance natural networks. This will revolve around the protection and improvement of the natural landscape, keeping these as core components of planning.	Reflect on areas for development, and how they can incorporate green design and link greenspaces.	SA should seek to increase green design and the linking of greenspaces.

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	One specific scheme is to create new 'Local Green Areas', which will allow local people to protect green areas that are important to them.		
The Natural Choice: Securing the Value of Nature, DEFRA, 2011	<p>The main themes of this document are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>protecting and improving or natural environment → establish Local Nature Partnerships, create Nature Improvement Areas and retain the protection and improvement of the natural environment as core objectives of the planning system</li> <li>growing a green economy → sustainable economic growth relies on services provided by the natural environment</li> <li>reconnecting people and nature → High-quality natural environments foster healthy neighbourhoods; green spaces encourage social activity and reduce crime. The natural environment can help children's learning</li> <li>international and EU leadership → We will work with our partners to put in place appropriate strategies and sectoral policies, to achieve low carbon, resource-efficient growth.</li> </ul>	Policies should seek to protect and enhance the natural environment whilst also encouraging a green economy.	SA should support low carbon development and enhancement of the natural environment.
The Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981	<p>The relevant objectives of this act fall under two broad areas:</p> <p><u>Wildlife</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protection of birds – protection of wild birds, their nests and eggs; areas of special protection</li> <li>Protection of other animals – protection of certain wild animals; protection of certain mammals</li> <li>Protection of plants – protection of wild plants.</li> </ul> <p><u>Nature Conservation, Countryside and National Parks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sites of special scientific interest and limestone pavements – sites of special scientific interest; including notification of additional land; enlargement of SSSI; duties in relation to sites of scientific interest; compulsory purchase; and special protection for certain areas of sites of scientific interest.</li> </ul>	To take into account the allocation of any areas/sites for development that would conflict with the protections provided by this act.	SA should ensure the protection of species and sites outlined in this act.
UK Climate Change Programme, UK Government, 2006	<p>The UK's climate change programme sets out the Government's and the devolved administrations' approaches to the challenge of climate change. It explains why the climate is changing and what its effects might be, the UK's legally binding target under the Kyoto Protocol to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to 12.5% below 1990 levels by 2008-2012 and its domestic goal of a 20% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions below 1990 levels by 2010; new measures the Government and the devolved administrations are introducing to reduce emissions further and achieve the UK's climate change targets and how climate change is expected to affect the UK, how the UK might need to adapt, and the action the Government and the devolved administrations have started to take to prepare for this.</p> <p>The Programme aims at cutting UK Carbon Dioxide emissions by 60% by 2050.</p>	Policies should aim to minimise CO <sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gas emissions.	SA should ensure there are sufficient objectives to help reduce greenhouse gases.
UK Waste Strategy, UK Government, 2007	<p>The UK Waste Strategy aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce, re-use, recycle waste and recover energy from waste;</li> <li>Inform regulation to drive the reduction of</li> </ul>	Policies should address and promote waste reduction, recycling and re-use to increase greater resource efficiency.	SA should have an objective for reducing waste, increasing recycling and improving resource efficiency.

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	<p>waste and diversion from landfill while reducing costs to compliant business and the regulator;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target action on materials, products and sectors with the greatest scope for improving environmental and economic outcomes;</li> <li>• Stimulate investment in collection, recycling and recovery infrastructure, and markets for recovered materials that will maximise the value of materials and energy recovered; and</li> <li>• Improve national, regional and local governance, with a clearer performance and institutional framework to deliver better coordinated action and services on the ground.</li> </ul>		
<p>Viability Testing Local Plans – Advice for Planning Practitioners, Local Housing Delivery Group, 2012</p>	<p>The primary role of a Local Plan viability assessment is to provide evidence to show that the requirements set out within the NPPF are met. The Local Housing Delivery Group outline a number of key principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consideration should be given to the cumulative impact of the plan policies, rather than treating policies in isolation</li> <li>• planning authorities will need to strike a balance between providing for sustainable development and the realities of economic viability. There should be both clear local justification for the adoption of local standards and policies, and reasonable returns for landowners and developers</li> <li>• the advice and input of local partners, particularly those with knowledge of the local market and development economics, and those who will be involved in delivering the plan, should be sought at each stage. The best plans are also regularly reviewed to test the policies adopted to ensure the plan remains viable and deliverable.</li> <li>• viability assessments of Local Plans should be seen as part of the wider collaborative approach to planning.</li> <li>• the approach to assessing plan viability should recognise that it can only provide high level assurance that the policies within the plan are set in a way that is compatible with the likely economic viability.</li> <li>• draft policies can be tested based on the assumptions agreed with local partners, and in turn those assumptions may need to be revised if the assessment suggests too much development is unviable.</li> <li>• a demonstration of viability across time and local geography will be of much more value to local decision making and will help develop a local shared understanding of deliverability.</li> </ul>	<p>Policies should ensure that a balance is achieved between sustainable development and economic viability.</p>	<p>SA should ensure that developments do not have detrimental environmental impacts.</p>
<p>World Class Places, UK Government, 2009</p>	<p>There are the four 'elements' of quality of place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The range and mix of homes, services and amenities;</li> <li>• Design and upkeep of buildings and spaces;</li> <li>• Provision of green space and green infrastructure;</li> <li>• Treatment of historic buildings and places.</li> </ul>	<p>Policies should strive to set out objectives that incorporate the 4 elements of quality of place.</p>	<p>SA should ensure the protection of greenspaces and encourage high quality sustainable designs.</p>
<b>Sub-National</b>			

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A Strategy for the A5 2011-2026, A5 Transport Liaison Group, 2012	<p>The objectives of the strategy are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ensure that the A5 is fit for purpose in terms of capacity and safety</li> <li>To allow the A5 to play its full and proper role in supporting and facilitating economic activity and growth</li> <li>To promote and facilitate access to leisure and tourism within the area covered by the strategy</li> <li>To assist in identifying the priority improvements along the A5 corridor that are needed to facilitate and enable growth, reduce congestion, improve safety, improve air quality and deliver a sustainable transport system</li> <li>To reduce, where possible, the impact of traffic on communities along the A5.</li> </ul>	Policies and development should be mindful of their impact on the A5 and the implications for the surrounding areas which use this road.	SA should mitigate against increased pollution and protect air quality.
Coventry & Warwickshire Joint Strategic Housing Market Assessment, 2013	This report provides a detailed sub-regional market analysis of housing demand and housing need for Coventry, Rugby, North Warwickshire, Warwick, Stratford and Nuneaton & Bedworth Councils. It provides a robust evidence base for current and future requirements in terms of market and affordable housing to inform local policies and strategies.	Policies should consider the recommendations in the report when allocating development for housing, particularly the need for affordable housing.	SA should ensure any housing is located in a sustainable location.
Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership 5 Year Strategy 2011-2016, CWLEP, 2011	<p>The strategy is driven by the following vision for the Coventry and Warwickshire economy: "By 2016, through strong private-public sector collaboration, Coventry and Warwickshire will be regarded as one of the best and easiest places in the country to establish, run and grow strong and successful businesses; generating significant new employment and skills opportunities in the area."</p> <p>This vision will be achieved in three key ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developing new ways of working through a strong private-public sector partnership</li> <li>Focussing on a limited set of priorities that can make a real difference to local economic growth over the next five years.</li> <li>Play a national influencing role with central Government.</li> </ul>	Policies should encourage sustainable, long-term economic growth and provide positive and proactive strategies.	SA should ensure any growth is sustainable.
Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Economic Plan Update, 2016	<p>The document sets out main and local proposals to create economic growth by the LEP include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coventry and Warwickshire Gateway – 121 ha employment site</li> <li>Coventry Station – help for future growth, connectivity to HS2, support for Friargate project and redevelopment of Civic Centre buildings</li> <li>NUCKLE – helping with an increase in service frequency</li> <li>76,000 new homes</li> <li>National Reshoring Centre</li> <li>STEM Centre to support apprenticeships and traineeships</li> <li>Supporting the City Deal by offering financial support to manufacturing and engineering firms</li> <li>Support for business start-ups.</li> </ul> <p>Local Growth Deal proposals include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advanced Propulsion Centre</li> <li>Ansty Park Grow-on Space</li> <li>Coventry University Technology Park Grow-on Space</li> <li>Fen End utilities upgrade</li> <li>A46 North-South corridor</li> </ul>	Policies should ensure NBBC work through Duty to Cooperate with other Local Authorities to make the most of the LEPs proposals.	SA should ensure that growth is sustainable.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A444 North-South corridor</li> <li>• North-South sustainable transport corridor</li> <li>• Connectivity to Birmingham and HS2</li> <li>• Housing and local growth access</li> <li>• Digital connectivity</li> <li>• Optimised traffic flows</li> <li>• Enabling the expansion of the DIRFT development.</li> </ul>		
Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Economic Plan Update, 2016	<p>The objectives of the CWLEP SEP are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve Coventry &amp; Warwickshire's economic competitiveness.</li> <li>• Address the existing productivity gap between the CWLEP area and the UK average.</li> <li>• Ensure strong road and rail connectivity across the full CWLEP area.</li> <li>• Become a major global centre for R&amp;D in Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering.</li> <li>• Create a supportive environment within which businesses can grow and prosper.</li> <li>• Invest in employment and skills provision to meet evolving demands of employers.</li> <li>• Become UK Capital of Culture in 2021.</li> </ul>	The objectives set out in the CWLEP SEP should be taken into account within the Borough Plan, particularly in terms of economic aspects.	SA should consider the effects on the economy, environment and social aspects as a result of these objectives.
Driving a Revolution in Rail Services for West Midlands: A 30-year rail investment strategy 2018-2047, West Midlands Rail Executive, 2018	The document identifies the Tamworth-Nuneaton-Birmingham as a line in a high growth corridor and an area for further expenditure. Also, Nuneaton is highlighted as one of the locations for enhanced interchange with the West Coast Main Line. New services are planned between Nuneaton and Leamington Spa and increased services between Nuneaton and Coventry.	The Borough Plan should seek to improve the connectivity of the town centre for sustainable forms of transport, such as rail.	The sustainability appraisal should seek to encourage sustainable transport to prevent significant increases in carbon emissions.
Humber River Basin Management Plan-River Anker flows to Humber, EA, 2009	<p>This document sets out some aims specifically for local authorities, these include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• promote the wide-scale usage of sustainable drainage schemes to reduce the risks of flooding and of impact on surface water quality at times of high rainfall</li> <li>• promote water efficiency in new development through regional strategies and the local plan.</li> <li>• ensure planning policies and spatial planning documents take into account the objectives of the Humber River Basin Management Plan, including Local Development Documents and Sustainable Community Strategies</li> <li>• action to reduce the physical impacts of urban development in artificial or heavily modified waters, to help water reach good ecological potential</li> <li>• implement surface water management plans, increasing resilience to surface water flooding and ensuring water quality is considered on a catchment basis</li> <li>• promote the use of sustainable drainage systems in new urban and rural development where appropriate, and retrofit in priority areas including highways where possible.</li> </ul>	The Borough Plan should seek to mitigate against flooding in new development using systems such as SUDs, as well as considering impacts on water quality.	SA should ensure natural and urban environments, as well as water quality, are protected from increased flooding as a result of new development.
National Character Area Profile: Arden, Natural England, 2014	<p>The Arden character area has various opportunities for improvement, which are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage and enhance the valuable woodlands, hedgerows, heathlands, distinctive field boundaries and enclosure patterns throughout the NCA, retaining the historic contrast between different areas</li> </ul>	To maintain and improve the different characteristics of the Borough, create new green networks to link up with the wider countryside. Increase accessibility to green spaces and enhance local aquatic features.	Ensure maintenance and improvement of greenspaces and aquatic features of the Borough.

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	<p>while balancing the needs for timber, biomass production, climate regulation, biodiversity and recreation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create new networks of woodlands, heathlands and green infrastructure, linking urban areas with the wider countryside to increase biodiversity, recreation and the potential for biomass and the regulation of climate.</li> <li>• Conserve and enhance Arden's strong geological, industrial, and cultural resource, to increase public access, enjoyment, recreation and to retain a sense of place and history</li> <li>• Enhance the value of Arden's aquatic features such as the meadows and standing water areas to increase resource protection, such as regulating soil erosion, soil quality and water quality.</li> </ul>		
National Character Area Profile: Mease / Sence Lowlands, Natural England, 2013	<p>The Mease / Sence Lowlands character area has various opportunities for improvement, which are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect and appropriately manage this important network of natural and manmade rivers, stream, ponds, canals and other wetland habitats for its internationally important white-clawed crayfish and their contribution to sense of place, water and climate regulation</li> <li>• Manage and conserve the woodland habitat of the landscape and plan to expand appropriately scaled woodland cover, to increase people's access and enjoyment and to secure opportunities to enhance biomass and biodiversity and manage the impact of climate change</li> <li>• Protect and appropriately manage the historic character, settlement pattern and features of this landscape, in particular its ancient woodlands, veteran trees, landscaped parklands and areas of archaeological interest, including ridge and furrow</li> <li>• Protect the overall strong rural, open and tranquil character of this well ordered lowland agricultural landscape; increase the opportunity to encourage sustainable food production; and enhance access to and enjoyment of the wider countryside for both residents and visitors.</li> </ul>	To protect and manage the Borough's water based landscapes, manage and conserve woodland, protect areas with historic character and maintain rural character of agricultural land.	Ensure maintenance and improvement of greenspaces and aquatic features of the Borough.
Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Resource Assessment and Feasibility Study, CAMCO, 2010	This report informs local authorities in Warwickshire and Solihull about the potential viability and the deliverability of the various renewable and low carbon options available through the preparation of an evidence base.	Policies should ensure they place appropriate emphasis on encouraging the use of renewable energy.	SA will help to reduce the production of greenhouse gases and reduce climate change.
River Severn Catchment Flood Management Plan, Environment Agency, December 2009	<p>The relevant aims of this plan are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure floodplains are not inappropriately developed. Follow the sequential test from NPPF and consider land swapping opportunities.</li> <li>• Encourage compatibility between urban open spaces and their ability to make space for rivers to expand as flood flows occur, such as playing fields. Develop strategies to create blue corridors by developing/redeveloping to link these flood-compatible spaces.</li> <li>• Raise awareness of flooding among key</li> </ul>	The Plan should seek to prevent inappropriate development on floodplains, combine open space to provide flood relief, create blue corridors, and encourage major infrastructure providers to increase the resilience of vulnerable buildings and infrastructure.	Ensure the management of the environment to mitigate against flooding.

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	<p>partners, especially major operators of infrastructure, allowing them to be better prepared. Encourage them all to increase the resilience and resistance of vulnerable buildings, infrastructure and businesses.</p>		
<p>River Trent Catchment Flood Management Plan, Environment Agency, December 2010</p>	<p>The relevant aims of this plan are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the production and implementation of an integrated drainage strategy for urban areas, to reduce the incidence of surface water and foul water flooding by working with Severn Trent Water Ltd in flood risk management</li> <li>• Investigate opportunities for creating green corridors along watercourses through urban centres. Identify mechanisms for achieving this and its implementation</li> <li>• Investigate flood resilience for infrastructure such as roads.</li> </ul>	<p>Seek to enhance drainage systems, create green corridors and analyse the need for flood resilience in infrastructure.</p>	<p>Ensure the management of the environment to mitigate against flooding.</p>
<p>Severn River Basin Management Plan- River Sowe in Bedworth flows to Severn, EA, 2009</p>	<p>This management plan includes the following aims for Nuneaton and Bedworth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• include strong water efficiency policies in Local Plan</li> <li>• ensure planning policies and spatial planning documents take into account the objectives of the Severn River Basin Management Plan, including Local Development Documents and Sustainable Community Strategies</li> <li>• action to reduce the physical impacts of urban development in artificial or heavily modified waters, to help water reach good ecological potential</li> <li>• implement surface water management plans, increasing resilience to surface water flooding and ensuring water quality is considered on a catchment basis</li> <li>• implement surface water management plans, increasing resilience to surface water flooding and ensuring water quality is considered on a catchment basis</li> <li>• promote the use of sustainable drainage systems in new urban and rural development where appropriate, and retrofit in priority areas including highways where possible</li> <li>• Ensure the need for appropriate Water Cycle Studies are included in local plan, particularly in growth or high risk areas.</li> </ul>	<p>The Borough Plan should seek to mitigate against flooding in new development using systems such as SUDs, as well as considering impacts on water quality.</p>	<p>SA should ensure natural and urban environments, as well as water quality, are protected from increased flooding as a result of new development.</p>
<p>Strategic Flood Risk Assessment - Level 1, Halcrow, 2008</p>	<p>This report assesses and maps all forms of flood risk from groundwater, surface water, sewers and river sources. It takes into account future climate change predictions and provides an evidence base for locating future development.</p>	<p>Policies should ensure any strategic urban extensions do not conflict with the recommendations in the report. Policies should seek to protect Green Belt which currently acts as floodplains.</p>	<p>SA should ensure the recommendations for location of future development are adhered to.</p>
<p>Strategic Flood Risk Assessment – Level 2, NBBC, December 2010</p>	<p>The key aims for the SFRA Level 2 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate storage or wetland areas upstream of Wem or Bar Pool Brooks</li> <li>• Developments adjacent to the canal should consider the risk of a breach or failure, and should allow access for maintenance and repair in the form of a buffer</li> <li>• Development downstream of Seeswood Pool should consider using areas of flooding from potential reservoir failure for public open space</li> <li>• River corridors which include floodplains could be used to link up Green Infrastructure as well as providing storage</li> </ul>	<p>The implications of this assessment are to seek to maintain and enhance water storage areas from flooding, develop with regard to avoiding areas of potential flooding, and improve Green Infrastructure links whilst also provided flood relief features.</p>	<p>Ensure optimisation of flood water storage areas, locate developments away from flood risk areas and improve Green Infrastructure links.</p>

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	for floods. Areas in the urban environment and upstream of critical surface water flood areas should also be included.		
Sub Regional Green Belt Review, Smith Stuart Reynolds, 2009	This study reviews the Green Belt land that surrounds the main urban areas of Coventry City, Nuneaton and Bedworth Boroughs, Rugby Borough and Warwick towns of Kenilworth, Warwick and Leamington Spa. The study consists of a two stage process. The first stage identifies parcels within the designated Green Belt around the urban areas that contribute the least towards the purposes of Green Belt. The second stage assesses and scores parcels of land against a range of environmental and physical constraints that might preclude future development.	Policies should consider the recommendations set out when considering sites for future development. Where appropriate, policies should seek to protect Green Belt parcels.	SA should consider protecting the Green Belt and ensure any development is placed in a sustainable location.
Tame, Anker and Mease abstraction licensing strategy, Environment Agency, February 2013	There are protected flows for the dilution of the Nuneaton (Hartshill) sewage treatment works. Water management strategies and licenses around Ensor's Pool should not result in degradation of its Special Area of Conservation qualities. Nuneaton is one of the locations of a Groundwater Management Unit for the Sherwood Sandstone, which is a principal aquifer. In Nuneaton water is available for licensing from the aquifer, and is open for further abstractions if there is no impact on other abstractors, the aquatic environment or river flows.	Sites allocated for development should take into consideration the effects of this strategy.	Flows need to be protected for the Hartshill sewage treatment works. Also, the water supply of Ensor's Pool needs to be protected. Additionally, the licensing of water accessed from the Sherwood Sandstone aquifer should not have a marked impact on the water system.
The Warwickshire Coventry and Solihull Local Biodiversity Action Plan, WCC, 2001	The Warwickshire Coventry and Solihull Local Biodiversity Plan (LBAP) contains 26 Action Plans and 24 Habitat Action Plans which cover the region's wildlife and landscape. The overall aim of the strategy is to protect and enhance the quality of habitats, which involves the conservation and improvement of significant sites and, where possible, increasing the area and diversity of important habitats.	Policies should aim to preserve and enhance priority habitats.	SA should aim to preserve and enhance priority habitats.
Updated Assessment of Housing Need: Coventry-Warwickshire HMA, GL Hearn, 2015	This report provides an update to the 2013 report detailed sub-regional market analysis of housing demand and housing need for Coventry, Rugby, North Warwickshire, Warwick, Stratford and Nuneaton & Bedworth Councils. It provides a robust evidence base for current and future requirements in terms of market and affordable housing to inform local policies and strategies.	Policies should consider the recommendations in the report when allocating development for housing, particularly the need for affordable housing.	SA should ensure any housing is located in a sustainable location.
Warwickshire Historic Landscape Character, Warwickshire County Council and English Heritage, 2010	This report summarises the results of the Warwickshire Historic Landscape Characterisation Project. It provides an overview of the historic environment in order to provide new and wide-ranging information for conservation, management and development decisions. It helps to promote better management and understanding of the historic landscape resource, and of the accommodation of continued change within it, and to establish an integrated approach to its sustainable management.	Policies should support the protection of important historic landscapes.	SA needs to ensure the sustainable management of the historic landscape.
Warwickshire Local Transport Plan 2011 - 2026, WCC, 2011	Warwickshire's transport priorities have been developed in line with the wider priorities for the County and these are: 1. To promote greater equality of opportunity for all citizens in order to promote a fairer, more inclusive society; 2. To seek reliable and efficient transport networks which will help promote full employment and a strong, sustainable local and sub-regional economy;	Policies should reflect the priorities set out in the Plan.	SA should ensure environmental issues are prioritised, particularly those which promote sustainable development.

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	<p>3. To reduce the impact of transport on people and the [built and natural] environment and improve the journey experience of transport users;</p> <p>4. To improve the safety, security and health of people by reducing the risk of death, injury or illness arising from transport, and by promoting travel modes that are beneficial to health;</p> <p>5. To encourage integration of transport, both in terms of policy planning and the physical interchange of modes;</p> <p>6. To reduce transports emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, and address the need to adapt to climate change.</p>		
Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull Sub-Regional Green Infrastructure Study, Land Use Consultants, 2011	This report gathers and analyses existing information to provide a shared evidence base which will support a consistent approach to Green Infrastructure (GI) planning across the sub-region. It provides an analysis of GI supply and functional need, as well prioritisation of need and deliverability.	The outputs will help inform the preparation of Nuneaton and Bedworth's GI planning policies.	SA should ensure GI is protected and enhanced where appropriate.
Water Cycle Study, Halcrow, 2010	This study looks at the importance of the water cycle within the Warwickshire sub-region. It outlines the existing processes and infrastructure in the area and looks at the potential impacts on the environment and infrastructure if additional development takes place.	Policies should ensure it considers the impacts on the environment and infrastructure particularly those which will have an effect on the water cycle.	SA should ensure future development is appropriately placed to minimise the impact on the water cycle.
West Midlands Renewable Energy Capacity Study, SQW, 2011	This study is an evidence base for renewable energy capacity in the West Midlands. It provides a comprehensive assessment of the potential accessible renewable energy resources at 2030. It presents the results at local authority and regional scales for technologies such as wind, biomass, microgeneration and hydropower.	Policies should ensure they place appropriate emphasis on encouraging the use of renewable energy.	SA will help to reduce the production of greenhouse gases and reduce climate change.
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Air Quality Assessment: Development Associated with the Borough Plan, Nuneaton and Bedworth, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2017	<p>This report models the effects of the Borough Plan's proposals on air quality, paying particular attention to the AQMAs. For all pollutants, there are much lower concentrations in 2030 than in 2015. This reduction is associated with the introduction of more stringent emissions controls on new vehicles</p> <p>The Borough Plan proposals will result in negligible changes in concentrations across the borough, including at town centre locations and within the AQMAs in Nuneaton. No exceedances of the air quality objectives are predicted for 2030. With the proposed Borough Plan, there will be good air quality conditions within Nuneaton and Bedworth in 2030, with pollutant concentrations well below the air quality objectives.</p>	Policies should aim to improve air quality.	SA should ensure there are relevant objectives for air quality.
Abbey Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Proposals, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2008	This report is an appraisal of the special architectural and historic interest of the Abbey Conservation Area. It outlines why the area has a special heritage value and puts forward the policies which will help to protect this area for future generations.	Policies should ensure the conservation areas are protected and that any development is sympathetic to the character of the area.	SA should include objectives that consider design and building materials for any development in these areas.
Bedworth Town Centre Visioning, IDP, 2019	The document identifies seven locations in Bedworth town centre for new development.	Ensure that the Borough Plan does not conflict with these aspirations.	Consider the regeneration's effect on the environment, the economy and society.
Contaminated Land Strategy, Nuneaton	The strategy reflects the government's national objectives and seeks to address the issues at a	Policies should encourage the submission of EIA to ensure that	SA should ensure that environmental standards for

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and Bedworth Borough Council, 2010	<p>local level. Within the framework, the key objectives of the Council are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To identify and remove unacceptable risks to human health and the environment.</li> <li>To seek to bring damaged land back into beneficial use.</li> <li>To seek to ensure that the cost burdens faced by individuals, companies and society as a whole are proportionate, manageable and economically sustainable.</li> <li>To ensure compliance with and enforcement of Part IIA of The Environmental Protection Act 1990 (inserted by Section 57 of the Environment Act 1995), and amended by the Water Act, 2003 s86 when enacted.</li> <li>To ensure that where redevelopment of land takes place within the Borough, the planning process deals effectively with any land contamination so that the land is suitable for its intended use.</li> <li>To address the liability issues associated with the Council's existing and former land holdings and avoid any new liability associated with land transactions.</li> <li>To be proportionate to the seriousness of any actual or potential risk.</li> <li>To ensure that the most pressing and serious problems are located first by ensuring that resources are concentrated on investigating areas where the Council is most likely to identify contaminated land.</li> </ul>	<p>developers have mitigations in place to prevent further contamination of land and to ensure that there is minimal risk to public health for potential hazardous developments.</p>	<p>land are satisfactory and that further contamination of land is avoided.</p>
Corporate Plan 2007 – 2021, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2007	<p>The Corporate Plan forms part of the Council's Strategic Planning Framework, which demonstrates a hierarchy of long-term, medium term plans to help people understand how their work contributes to the achievement of the vision, aims and priorities of the Plan.</p> <p>The main objectives of the Corporate Plan are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To improve the quality of life and social justice for residents so it is much closer to that enjoyed by the rest of Warwickshire;</li> <li>To work in partnership to reduce the level of crime and disorder so that the community is and feels safer;</li> <li>To provide a pleasant environment for those living, working and visiting the Borough;</li> <li>To provide quality services which represent value for money.</li> </ul>	<p>These aims should be incorporated into the Borough Plan.</p>	<p>These aims should be incorporated into the SA process to ensure that the Borough's vision is achieved.</p>
Coventry & Warwickshire Strategic Employment Land Study, Atkins, 2014	<p>This document sets out the anticipated employment land need across the sub-region, split up into each relevant authority.</p>	<p>Have regard to the recommendations within the report.</p>	<p>Ensure the recommendations are balanced against environmental and social needs.</p>
Employment Land Review 2014, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2014	<p>The report identified a series of recommendations, the most pertinent of which are set out below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The need to ensure the Borough adequately accommodates the aspirations for manufacturing and distribution needs to be measured against the risk of path dependency. Therefore any policy development needs to flexibly take forward these aspirations without completely restricting growth in B8.</li> <li>In taking forward the strategic sites the Council will need to engage with the LEP and other strategic bodies. This will help to deliver the wider aspirations of the LEP area</li> </ul>	<p>Implement where possible the recommendations from the Employment Land Review.</p>	<p>Assess the effect that the review will have on the Borough.</p>

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	<p>and potentially help secure the right investment in the strategic employment sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of an Economic Development Strategy is required to ensure aspirations are achieved such as improving the existing employment estates, attracting new businesses etc.</li> <li>• Further work associated with out commuting is required</li> <li>• Monitor the effects of churn to analyse whether this has properly been factored into the overall growth assumptions for the area.</li> <li>• This assessment, including a review of land requirements should be updated within the next 5 years.</li> <li>• Work with developers and landowners to develop a trajectory of employment land development. This could help with the phasing of strategic employment sites.</li> <li>• Sites listed in Table 22 should be protected through the Borough Plan and sites in Table 23 should be removed from the employment portfolio.</li> <li>• The following sites should be taken forward in the Borough Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o ECO 2</li> <li>o ECO 3</li> <li>o Phoenix Way off A444 (depending upon agreed level of growth, however as a minimum this land should be safeguarded)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Work should be undertaken with site owners to bring forward the sites with existing planning permissions that have made little progress i.e. stalled sites.</li> <li>• All the site being progressed should be assessed further in terms of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Risk assessments</li> <li>o Viability appraisal.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Employment Land Use Study, CWLEP, 2015	This document recommends the employment use demands for the area, as well as identifying available sites to fulfil this demand.	Consider the recommendations on both uses and available sites for development.	Take into account the effects the designation any potential sites could have on the environment and society.
Habitats Regulation Assessment, UE Associates, 2009	This report explains the process of screening for Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA). It is the first stage of a screening process which will continue with the preparation of the Borough Plan document. The screening process helps to decide whether the Borough Plan requires full assessment under the Habitats Regulations for its effects on European statutory designated sites. The screening assessment advises whether the eight strategic options presented in the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council Issues and Options Core Strategy would have a detrimental effect on Ensor's Pool.	Policies should ensure that development will not have a detrimental effect on Ensor's Pool.	SA should ensure that any development is a suitable distance from Ensor's Pool.
Habitats Regulations Assessment – Screening Assessment, WYG, 2016 and 2018	The 2016 report assesses the effects of the publication version of the Borough Plan on the River Mease and Ensor's Pool SACs. Unlikely to be significant effects on River Mease SAC and changes to Policy NE3 to address developments near to Ensor's Pool SAC. 2018 report confirms that the proposed main modifications to the Borough Plan do not alter the original assessment.	Policies should ensure that development will not have a detrimental effect on Ensor's Pool or the River Mease SAC.	SA should ensure that any development is a suitable distance from Ensor's Pool.
Health Impact Assessment – Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2014	<p>The following recommendations are set out at the end of the assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is recommended that the commentary on each draft policy set out in Section 6 is reviewed with the aim of taking further opportunities to enhance the</li> </ul>	Ensure the recommendations set out in the Health Impact Assessment are followed.	Consider the recommendations of the assessment in relation to its social benefits.

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	<p>potential health benefits that could be achieved through the Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is recommended that new housing is provided in line with the evidence base presented in Section 7.2.</li> <li>It is recommended that the boundaries between residential areas or green/open spaces and areas designated for intensive employment use are protected with appropriate buffer zones, e.g. of light industry appropriate in a residential area (B1 use class) or green infrastructure. An example of one option is presented in Section 7.3.</li> <li>It is recommended that the Plan prioritise active travel as set out in Section 7.4.</li> <li>It is recommended that planning obligations are used to support child obesity goals as set out in Section 7.5.</li> <li>It is recommended that a new policy is included to control the proliferation of hot food takeaways (and possibility other unhealthy food outlets) as discussed in Section 7.6.</li> <li>It is recommended that clear guidelines setting out when developers should undertake HIAs should be included in the Plan. Some options are set out in Section 7.7.</li> </ul>		
Homelessness Strategy and Action Plan 2009 – 2012, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2009	<p>The Council's Housing Vision for the Borough is "To give everyone the opportunity of living in a decent, affordable home". The Council's Homelessness vision is to "tackle homelessness by providing comprehensive prevention services and access to appropriate housing and support for all" This strategy has a number of key actions including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will investigate methods of addressing worklessness amongst homeless households</li> <li>We will enable the increased provision of and access to affordable housing</li> <li>We will establish a corporate affordable housing group.</li> </ul>	Policies should take account of the Borough's affordable housing need.	SA should ensure that development is sustainable.
Housing Strategy 2010-2015, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2010	<p>The strategy sets out where the Borough is currently at in terms of the makeup of the Housing stock in both the public and private sectors, where the Borough wants to be in the future to enable us the Council to meet the housing aspirations of residents and details the intentions for achieving those aims through a 'themed' approach to delivery. The six themes are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing Conditions</li> <li>Energy Efficiency</li> <li>Sustainable Neighbourhoods</li> <li>Health Inequalities</li> <li>Economic Wellbeing</li> <li>Accessible Housing.</li> </ul>	Policies should ensure that they make linkages to the 6 themes outlined in this strategy.	SA should make sure that development is sustainable.
Joint Green Belt Study, LUC, 2015	The recommendations from this study recommend the parcels of Green Belt that can be considered for removal from the Green Belt to facilitate development.	Consider the assessments on all parcels of Green Belt, and take these into consideration when suggesting removal from the Green Belt.	Assess the effects any removals from the Green Belt would have on the environment.
Local Air Quality Management – Air Quality Action Plan, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough	<p>The measures proposed in the Action Plan are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N&amp;BBC will work in partnership with WCC to identify and bring forward traffic management improvements in Nuneaton</li> </ul>	Policies should ensure they reflect the actions set out in the plan.	SA should ensure there are no detrimental effects on the Air Quality Management Zones.

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Council, 2011	<p>town centre, particularly where they will benefit the two AQMAs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N&amp;BBC will work in partnership with WCC to identify measures to reduce the impact of HGV movements within the area.</li> <li>• N&amp;BBC will work in partnership with WCC and Sustrans to deliver further improvements for pedestrians and cyclists within the area.</li> <li>• N&amp;BBC will work in partnership with WCC, public transport operators, DfT Rail and Network Rail to implement better integration of public transport in Nuneaton.</li> <li>• N&amp;BBC will work in partnership with WCC to increase uptake and implementation of School and Workplace Travel Plans.</li> <li>• N&amp;BBC will continue to develop, implement and monitor its Travel Plan policy</li> <li>• N&amp;BBC will include planning policies in its Borough Plan that seek to improve air quality and sustainable transport links and to secure travel plan agreements.</li> <li>• N&amp;BBC will identify specific pieces of infrastructure, required to mitigate the impact of new development on the AQMA, to be included in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan of the Borough Plan.</li> <li>• N&amp;BBC will encourage developers to take part in pre-application discussions to ensure air quality is considered when formulating a planning application.</li> <li>• NBBC will develop protocols to decide for planning applications, when air quality will be considered, what considerations will be required and what mitigation measures may be required.</li> <li>• N&amp;BBC will continue to work with WCC and other partners to deliver improvements in emissions standards, where practicable.</li> <li>• N&amp;BBC will make details of the Action Plan measures and annual progress reports available on its Website to ensure accessibility to the consultation and implementation process.</li> <li>• N&amp;BBC will continue to work in partnership with WCC and the Warwickshire</li> <li>• district authorities on air quality and travel awareness campaigns to raise the profile of air quality in the Borough and County-wide.</li> <li>• N&amp;BBC will continue the commitment to undertake local air quality monitoring within the Borough to ensure a high standard of data is achieved to assess against air quality objectives.</li> <li>• N&amp;BBC will continue to proactively enforce industrial control and nuisance legislation to minimise pollutant emissions from these sources in the Borough.</li> <li>• N&amp;BBC will continue to work together with Act on Energy (formerly Warwickshire Energy Efficiency Advice Centre) and other partners to promote and implement energy efficiency measures in the Borough.</li> </ul>		
Local Air Quality Management – Updating and Screening Assessment, Nuneaton and	<p>This document was produced because there is a statutory duty on local authorities to review and assess the air quality within their area. Within the document, air quality objectives are set out from national regulations to show which pollutants should not exceed certain</p>	<p>Policies should ensure new developments comply with the Local Air Quality Management objectives.</p>	<p>SA should ensure there are no detrimental effects on the Air Quality Management Zones.</p>

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Bedworth Borough Council, 2012	exceedances within any one year.		
Miner's Welfare Park, Bedworth, Concept Plan, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2020	Concept plan intends to improve the accessibility, connectivity, play areas, and visual appearance of the existing park.	Policies should seek to ensure development of the park is not prejudiced by any other redevelopment within the town centre.	SA should consider the enhancement of existing green infrastructure.
Nuneaton and Bedworth Biodiversity Value Map, Warwickshire, Coventry & Solihull Local Biodiversity Action Plan Partnership, 2010	This map identifies existing biodiversity areas and the opportunities to increase or improve biodiversity across Nuneaton and Bedworth.	Policies should aim to protect and enhance biodiversity where appropriate.	SA should reflect the need to protect the most important areas for biodiversity.
Nuneaton and Bedworth Convenience Goods and Retail Study, Strategic Perspectives, 2011	This report assesses the attraction and performance of the convenience provision across the Borough, especially within main town centres of Nuneaton and Bedworth and the six district centres comprising: Bulkington, Chapel End, Horeston Grange, Kingswood Road, Queens Road and Attleborough.	Policies should encourage the economic growth of convenience to meet needs identified in study.	SA needs to ensure any growth is sustainable.
Nuneaton and Bedworth Employment Land Review, GVA Grimley, 2010	This report provides a baseline review of key social and economic indicators, summarises relevant planning and economic policies and strategies at the national, regional and local levels and gives commentary on the commercial property market in the Borough. The supply is compared with forecasts of employment land demand under a range of scenarios, and a gap analysis is undertaken identifying land up to 2026.	Policies need to identify suitable sites for employment land.  Policies need to seek in investment in existing estates.	SA should ensure all development is sustainable and that it meets the economic growth needs of the Borough.
Nuneaton and Bedworth Green Infrastructure Plan, Land Use Consultants, 2009	This report establishes the policy context for green infrastructure and the baseline in terms of environmental and socio economic character. It also provides a GI deficiency analysis and strategic recommendations for the outline GI network, in addition to a framework for delivery and monitoring.	Policies should consider the recommendations and encourage the protection and enhancement of green infrastructure and ensure it meets the needs of the community.	SA should consider the provision of green infrastructure.
Nuneaton and Bedworth Land Use Designations Study Volume 1: Landscape Character Assessment, TEP, 2011	This study provides an assessment of the Borough's landscape outside of the urban areas. It classifies the landscape by examining the interactions between landform, geology, land use, vegetation pattern and human influence in these areas. Its findings help to inform landscape policies within the Borough Plan and other local development documents.	Policies should use the information to assess where the landscape character can be improved.	SA should include objectives of landscape protection and encourage sustainable development.
Nuneaton and Bedworth Land Use Designations Study Volume 2: Policy Recommendations, TEP, 2011	This study builds on the information gathered in volume 1 of the Land Use Designations Study and assesses the merits of pursuing Area of Restraint and Countryside designations for the landscapes outside of the urban area.	Policies should consider the recommendations in this study to guide where future development might be most appropriate.	SA should reflect the need to protect sensitive landscapes.
Nuneaton and Bedworth Land Use Designations Study Volume 3: Site Analysis and Selection, TEP, 2011	This study builds on the information gathered in volumes 1 and 2 of the Land Use Designations Study and the Coventry Joint Green Belt Study. The study undertakes a detailed analysis of land parcels across the Borough. It highlights which parcels meet Green Belt criteria and which are most sensitive in landscape terms. It also identifies the likely constraints to any development in these parcels.	Policies should seek to protect the most sensitive parcels of land within the Borough.	SA should protect existing Green Belt land.
Nuneaton and Bedworth Local Plan, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2019	The Local Plan sets out land use policies and proposals for the Borough up to 2031. It is the material consideration for all planning applications in the Borough. For each of the sections the Local Plan has identified an overarching aim for each of the themes,	Policies should build on existing policies and targets to achieve sustainable development.	The SA framework should reflect these issues.

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	including the town centres.		
Nuneaton and Bedworth Retail and Leisure Study Update, Strategic Perspectives, 2014	This report assesses the attraction and performance of the retail and leisure provision within the town centres of Nuneaton and Bedworth. The study predicts a need for additional convenience goods floorspace in both town centres and more leisure uses, cafes and restaurants, to offer a more diverse town centre and promote and grow the evening and night-time economy.	Policies should encourage the economic growth of convenience and leisure to meet needs identified in study.	SA needs to ensure any growth is sustainable.
Nuneaton and Bedworth Sport, Recreation and Community Facilities Strategy 2016-2031, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2016	This document identifies priority investments in the borough for future sports facility provision, for current and future need, population growth and increased participation.	Policies should not prohibit new sport facilities in the town centres if they were deemed appropriate in this location.	SA should consider the provision of leisure facilities.
Nuneaton and Bedworth Town Centres Study, Roger Tym and Partners, 2011	This report establishes the performance of the town centres; assesses what does and does not work well in Nuneaton and why; and identifies the assets and opportunities that can be capitalised upon to improve performance and capture latent demand. This analysis helps to inform the development of a 'vision' for the centre, and the objectives to deliver it.	Policies should encourage the economic growth of the town centres.  Policies should protect Town Centres from inappropriate development.	SA needs to ensure any growth is sustainable.
Nuneaton Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Proposals, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2009	This report is an appraisal of the special architectural and historic interest of the Nuneaton Conservation Area. It outlines why the area has a special heritage value and puts forward the policies which will help to protect this area for future generations.	Policies should ensure the conservation areas are protected and that any development is sympathetic to the character of the area.	SA should include objectives that consider design and building materials for any development in these areas.
Open Space Assessment, Jones Plus Limited, 2007	This report provides a comprehensive assessment of open space provision and outdoor recreational facilities within the Borough. It assesses the existing open space and sets out provision standards for various types of open spaces.	Policies should encourage the protection and enhancement of open spaces and ensure they meet the needs of the community.	SA should consider the provision of open space.
Open Space Strategy 2011-2021, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2011	The vision of this strategy is to maintain and enhance a network of high quality, accessible public open spaces that meet the needs and demands of our community.	Policies should encourage the protection and enhancement of green spaces and ensure they meet the needs of the community.	SA should consider the provision of open space.
Priority Species and Habitats for Nuneaton and Bedworth, Warwickshire County Council, 2005	The priority species for the Borough are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bats</li> <li>• Great Crested Newt</li> <li>• Song Thrush</li> <li>• Water Vole</li> <li>• White clawed crayfish</li> </ul> The priority habitats for the Borough are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lowland Neutral Grassland</li> <li>• Hedgerows</li> <li>• Woodlands</li> <li>• The Built Environment</li> <li>• Parks and Public Open Spaces</li> <li>• Gardens</li> <li>• Disused Industrial and Railway Land</li> <li>• Quarries and Gravel Pits</li> <li>• Rivers and Streams.</li> </ul>	Policies should promote the protection of priority species and habitats within NBBC.	SA should seek to protect important and sensitive habitats and species.
Retail and Leisure Study Update 2014, Strategic Perspectives, 2014	This study highlights the anticipated need for new retail and leisure floor space within the Borough as a whole, Nuneaton Town Centre and Bedworth Town Centre.	Take into account the projected need for new retail and leisure space.	Assess the potential increase in retail and leisure space effects on the Borough.
River valley Assessment, ENTEC, 2007	This report builds on the information collected as part of the Landscape Character Assessment 2004. These are generally the river valleys that extend from the wider countryside and	Policies should consider the recommendations of the areas to protect.	SA should reflect the need to protect important and sensitive landscapes.

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	penetrate the urban area – Bar Pool, Wem and Anker. The assessment also includes the Galley Common/Kingswood river valley, which extends within the existing urban area but is currently undesignated in the Local Plan. The principal output of the project is the identification of areas of the “river valleys” which warrant long-term protection through appropriate designation and those which do not.		
Riversley Park, Nuneaton, Concept Plan, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2020	Concept plan intends to improve the accessibility, connectivity, play areas, and visual appearance of the existing park.	Policies should seek to ensure development of the park is not prejudiced by any other redevelopment within the town centre.	SA should consider the enhancement of existing green infrastructure.
Shaping our future..., Sustainable Community Plan 2007 – 2021 for Nuneaton and Bedworth, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2007	<p>The Community Plan is a strategic document which sets an overarching vision for the Borough through until 2021. It is an overarching document which takes on board issues concerning a variety of key stakeholders in the Borough, as agreed through The Local Strategic Partnership in Nuneaton and Bedworth.</p> <p>The community strategy has four main themes, each containing their own objectives.</p> <p>The first theme is creating a <i>stronger Borough</i>, by achieving these three objectives, which are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improve the wellbeing of communities by helping people work together;</li> <li>2. Give everyone the opportunity of living in a decent, affordable home;</li> <li>3. Provide and support opportunities within the Borough that help foster and support a learning culture across age groups</li> </ol> <p>The second theme is to create a <i>safer Borough</i> through making it a safe place for everyone where the day to day quality of life is not marred by the fear of crime.</p> <p>The third theme is creating a <i>healthier Borough</i>, which aims to improve access to health care and improve the life expectancy within the Borough, through promoting healthier and active life styles.</p> <p>The fourth theme is creating a <i>sustainable Borough</i>, through three objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Environment – Have a high quality environment with increased biodiversity and a sustainable approach to waste and energy;</li> <li>2. Travel and Accessibility – To improve the Borough’s transport infrastructure in order to provide easier access to key services and facilities;</li> </ol> <p>Town centres and economic development – Create a supportive environment for businesses and develop a vibrant and varied economy that is reflected in our town centres and business areas.</p>	Policies need to take into account the issues raised in the Community Plan.	The SA framework should reflect these issues.
Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA), Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, 2013	The SHLAA assesses whether potential sites are suitable for housing development and whether the sites are available and achievable over different time periods. The SHLAA is a key element of the background evidence base for the Borough Plan. In particular, it gives information about the housing land supply to inform the calculation of the five year land supply of housing. It is important to note that a site identified in the SHLAA does not have an automatic right to be granted planning permission or be allocated for housing in the Borough Plan.	Policies need to identify suitable sites for residential development.	SA should ensure all development is sustainable and that it meets the housing needs of the Borough.
Strategic Transport	The objectives of this document are to assess	Have regard to the proposed	Ensure mitigation measures

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Assessment: Modelling Report, 2015	the impact of the Borough Plan on transport within the Borough, and to propose mitigation measures to combat any negative effects.	mitigation measures within the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, which will support the Borough Plan.	necessary within the Infrastructure Delivery Plan are balanced against effects on the environment and society.
The Warwickshire Local Investment Plan, HCA, NWBC, NBBC, SoADC, RBC, WDC, WCC, 2011	The thematic priorities of the Local Investment Plan are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet affordable housing growth needs</li> <li>• Address rural housing growth and affordability</li> <li>• Meet housing needs of vulnerable groups</li> <li>• Improve existing housing stock.</li> </ul>	Have regard to the priorities of the Local Investment Plan.	Consider the effects of the priorities on the economy, environment and society.
Town Centre Office Requirements, DTZ, 2013	The report recommends a town centre requirement figure in the region of 15,000 sq. m over the plan period, with approximately 13,000 – 14,000 sq. m to be located in Nuneaton, with 1,000 – 2,000 sq. m in Bedworth.	Consider the finding of the report in relation to office space, and reflect this in the Plan accordingly.	Consider the impact of any new office space allocations on the Borough.
Transforming Nuneaton Capacity Study, IDP, 2019	The document presents feasibility studies across twelve sites in Nuneaton as potential development sites for the regeneration of the town centre.	Ensure that the Borough Plan does not conflict with these aspirations.	Consider the regeneration's effect on the environment, the economy and society.
Updated Assessment of Housing Need: Coventry – Warwickshire HMA, GL Hearn, 2015	The assessment of the Coventry – Warwickshire HMA sets out a target of 10,040 houses for the Borough to deliver for the period 2011 – 2031.	Seek to accommodate the 10,040 dwellings figure for the period 2011 – 2031.	Assess what effects the provision of 10,040 dwellings would have on the economy, environment and society.

## APPENDIX B: Baseline data tables

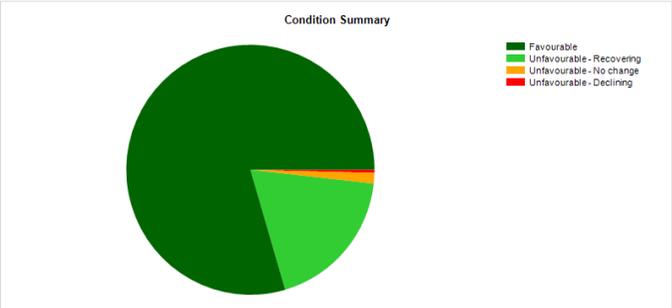
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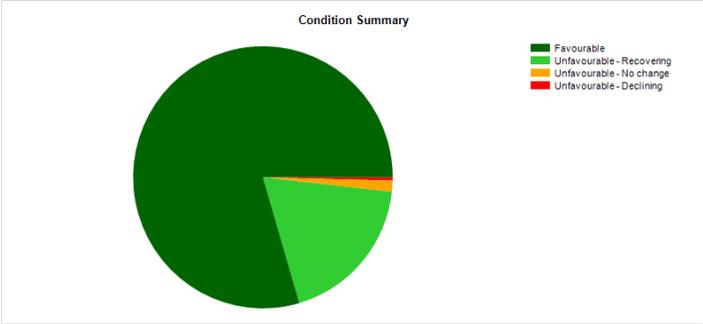
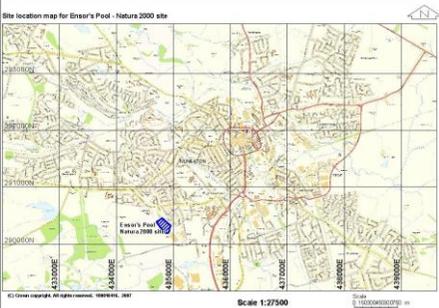
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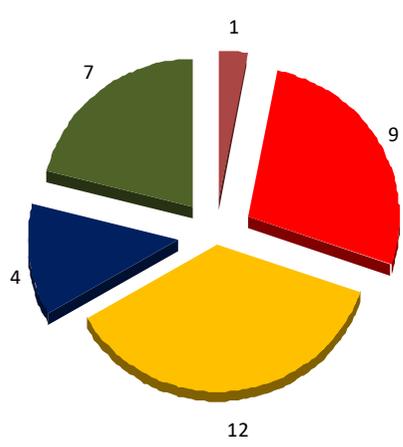
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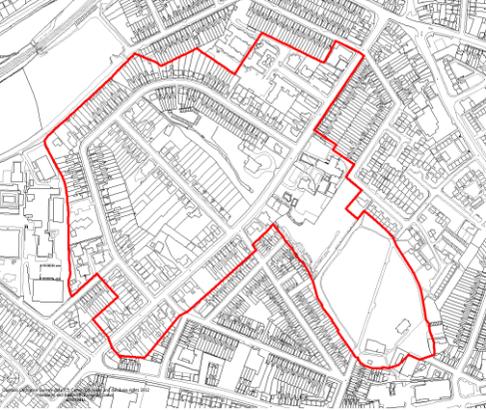
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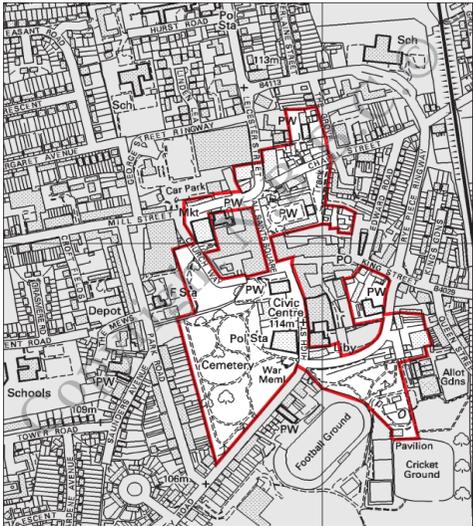
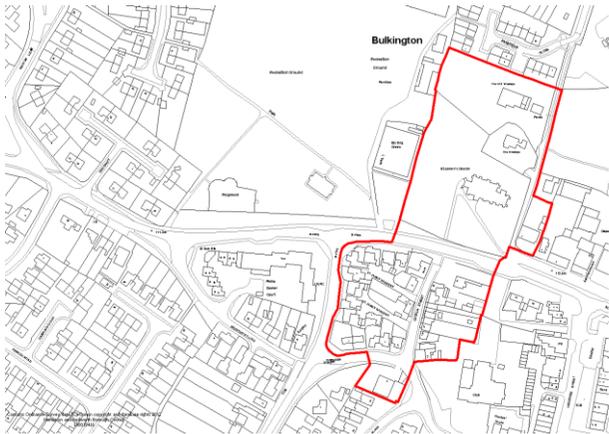
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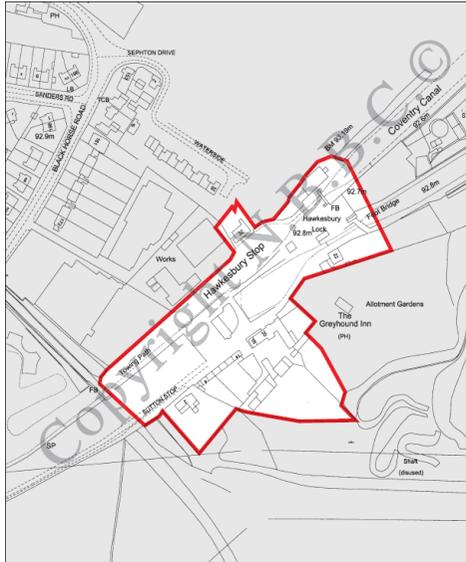
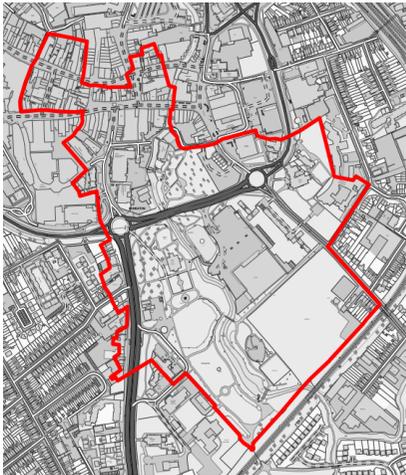
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Domestic:	264	1,196	11,419	109,630			
Transport:	209	2,338	12,027	101,415			
Grand Total:	648	6,029	38,019	361,360			
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Cultural heritage <b>(Ref. 4/1)</b>	<p>Nuneaton &amp; Bedworth contains the following historic assets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Scheduled Ancient Monuments: Nuneaton Priory and Moated Site at Exhall Hall</li> <li>• 92 Listed buildings</li> <li>• 5 Conservation areas</li> <li>• 2 Registered Historic Parks and Gardens (Arbury Hall and Bedworth Cemetery)</li> </ul> <p>Abbey Conservation Area</p> 			<p>Listed Buildings, Scheduled Monuments and Registered Parks from <a href="https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/results?q=nuneaton+and+bedworth&amp;searchtype=nhle">https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/results?q=nuneaton+and+bedworth&amp;searchtype=nhle</a> [Accessed on 22 January 2021].</p> <p>Nuneaton &amp; Bedworth Borough Plan.</p>	<p>No newer data.</p> <p>Conservation areas in the borough are currently being appraised as part of a heritage SPD.</p>

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	<p>Bedworth Town Centre Conservation Area</p>  <p>Bulkington Conservation Area</p> 				

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<p>Management Proposals for Bulkington Conservation Area <b>(Ref. 4/2)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There should be a strong presumption in favour of retaining all buildings identified as making a positive contribution to the conservation area.</li> <li>• The reinstatement of missing or badly altered period architectural features to buildings identified as making a positive contribution to the conservation area should be encouraged. These should follow original or period designs - especially for windows.</li> <li>• The reinstatement of traditional materials to buildings - especially for roofs, windows, and doors, - should be encouraged.</li> <li>• Surviving period features and traditional materials to all houses identified as making a positive contribution to the conservation area and fronting a public highway or open space are protected by an Article 4 Direction.</li> <li>• The retention of traditional brick boundary walls, hedges, and railings should be encouraged especially where enclosure to the street is important visually. Any opportunities to supplement and strengthen hedgerows should be taken.</li> <li>• The repair and maintenance of the listed railings around the churchyard should be a high priority.</li> <li>• The establishment of a tree management programme between the Council and owners including the parish church should be considered.</li> <li>• Improvement to the public realm should be sought to reinforce the village character of the conservation area when resources are available, particularly the treatment of the north end of Church Street. The lighting column here should be re-sited and consideration given to appropriate landscape treatment. Raised planters or trees set on the axis of the street impeding views of the Church and its tower should be avoided.</li> <li>• Improvements to the treatment of green open space both within and adjoining the conservation area where it impacts on its setting should be investigated.</li> </ul>			<p>Bulkington Conservation Area, Appraisal and Management Proposals, July 2008, NBBC.</p>	<p>The management proposals should be fully reflected in emerging planning policy.</p>
<p>Buildings at risk <b>(Ref. 4/3)</b></p>	<p>There are 7 buildings at risk in the Borough which include 2 buildings on the EH BAR Register</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Park Farmhouse, Arbury Park, Nuneaton;</li> <li>- The Tea House, Arbury Park, Nuneaton.</li> </ul>			<p>Historic England and Nun &amp; Bed Listed Building Condition Survey 2010.</p>	

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Business Deaths	Business Deaths by Year				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
GREAT BRITAIN	277,875	276,600	357,075	330,810	383,605
Nuneaton and Bedworth	435	420	500	450	580

Source: [www.ons.gov.uk](http://www.ons.gov.uk)

## Business Deaths 2008 - 2014

Location	Business Deaths by Year							Average Yearly Deaths
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2008 - 2014
<b>GREAT BRITAIN</b>	218,380	271,770	292,005	224,760	249,570	232,645	241,230	247,194
Warwickshire County	2,200	2,940	3,065	2,445	2,530	2,175	2,355	2,530
North Warwickshire	220	345	325	255	245	225	250	266
<b>Nuneaton and Bedworth</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>380</b>
Rugby	355	485	450	400	400	355	405	407
Stratford-on-Avon	670	810	870	730	785	620	650	734
Warwick	620	845	940	750	730	635	680	742
Coventry	955	1,095	1,295	990	1,005	1,000	1,020	1,051
<b>Coventry &amp; Warwickshire LEP</b>	<b>3,155</b>	<b>4,035</b>	<b>4,360</b>	<b>3,435</b>	<b>3,535</b>	<b>3,175</b>	<b>3,375</b>	<b>3,581</b>

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## Business Births 2015 - 2019

Business Births	Business Births by Year				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
GREAT BRITAIN	377,315	407,965	375,030	374,680	330,175
Nuneaton and Bedworth	510	570	500	680	490

Source: [www.ons.gov.uk](http://www.ons.gov.uk)

Between 2015 and 2019 the Borough lost, on average, 477 enterprises per annum with a peak of 580 in 2019.

Over the period 2008 to 2014 Nuneaton & Bedworth lost 380 enterprises a year on average, business deaths ranged from a low of 310 in 2011 to a peak of 480 in 2010.

Between 2015 and 2018 an average of 550 new business enterprises set up in the Borough per annum. 2019 was a low year for new businesses.

## Business Births 2008 - 2014

Business Births	Business Births by Year							Average Yearly Births
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2004 - 2012
<b>GREAT BRITAIN</b>	261,790	232,085	230,555	257,625	265,630	341,630	345,780	309,311
Warwickshire County	2,690	2,195	2,330	2525	2520	3,280	3,385	2,704
North Warwickshire	255	275	250	270	245	320	320	276
<b>Nuneaton and Bedworth</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>403</b>
Rugby	505	310	415	440	440	605	605	474
Stratford-on-Avon	735	650	630	690	660	845	870	725
Warwick	800	625	725	750	780	1,000	1,085	824
Coventry	1,160	855	965	1125	1090	1,490	1,615	1,338
<b>Coventry &amp; Warwickshire LEP</b>	<b>3,850</b>	<b>3,050</b>	<b>3,295</b>	<b>3,650</b>	<b>3,610</b>	<b>4,770</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>3,889</b>

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Nuneaton & Bedworth had an extra 403 enterprises setting up on average between 2008 & 2014, with business births ranging from 510 to 310 per annum.

As the number of business births has increased so has the deaths but in each year the births are greater than the deaths reflecting a net increase in businesses numbers and the increase in total business seen in 2018 from that in 2014. This was until 2019 when there was a net loss of businesses.

Issue	Quantified information, Comparators and targets, Trend, and Data Source				Comments/gaps
Employee jobs (Ref. 5/5)	Employee Jobs 2019				<p>In 2014 the Borough had fewer people in full-time in employment than both the West Midlands and Great Britain, however its levels of part-time employment were higher than the aforementioned areas. This was still true in 2019 (66.6% full time and 33.4% part time in West Midlands).and 2018 (68.4% full time and 31.6% part time in West Midlands).</p> <p>In 2014, 2018, and 2019 there were a higher percentage of people employed in the 'manufacturing' sector in both the Borough and the West Midlands than Great Britain. This was also true for the 'wholesale and retail, including motor trades' sector.</p> <p>In 2014 and 2018 notable sectors with lower percentages of people in their sectors were 'financial and other business services' stands out, having 8% lower representation when compared to Great Britain in 2014 and 5% in 2018; the percentage increased by 4% in this sector in the Borough in these four years. In 2019 the percentage in the Borough has dropped and was back up to 7% lower than the Great Britain percentage.</p>
		Nuneaton and Bedworth (Employee jobs)	Nuneaton and Bedworth (%)	Great Britain (%)	
	Total employee jobs	46,000	-	-	
	Full-time	29,000	63.0	67.8	
	Part-time	18,000	39.1	32.2	
	<b>Employee jobs by industry</b>				
	Primary services (A-B: Agriculture and mining)	10	0.0	0.2	
	Manufacturing (C)	5,000	10.9	8.0	
	Energy and water (D-E)	900	2.0	1.1	
	Construction (F)	1,750	3.8	4.9	
	Wholesale and retail, including motor trades (G)	8,000	17.4	15.0	
	Transport storage (H)	3,500	7.6	4.9	
	Accommodation and food services (I)	3,000	6.5	7.7	
	Information and communications (J)	600	1.3	4.3	
	Financial and other business services (K – N)	7,300	15.9	22.9	
	Public admin, education and health (O – Q)	14,750	32.1	26.2	
	Other services (R – S)	1,700	3.7	4.5	
	Services (G – S)	38,850	84.5	85.5	
	Source: <a href="http://www.nomisweb.co.uk">www.nomisweb.co.uk</a>				
	Employee Jobs 2018				
		Nuneaton and Bedworth (Employee jobs)	Nuneaton and Bedworth (%)	Great Britain (%)	
	Total employee jobs	48,000	-	-	
	Full-time	30,000	62.5	67.6	
	Part-time	17,000	35.4	32.4	
	<b>Employee jobs by industry</b>				
	Primary services (A-B: Agriculture and mining)	0	0	0.2	
	Manufacturing (C)	6,000	12.5	8.1	
	Energy and water (D-E)	825	1.7	1.2	
Construction (F)	2,000	4.2	4.7		

Wholesale and retail, including motor trades (G)	8,000	16.7	15.2
Transport storage (H)	3,500	7.3	4.8
Accommodation and food services (I)	2,000	4.2	7.6
Information and communications (J)	600	1.2	4.2
Financial and other business services (K – N)	8,650	18	23
Public admin, education and health (O – Q)	14,750	30.8	26.4
Other services (R – S)	1,800	3.8	4.5
Services (G – S)	39,300	82.0	85.7

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Employee Jobs 2014

	Nuneaton and Bedworth (Employee jobs)	Nuneaton and Bedworth (%)	West Midlands (%)	Great Britain (%)
Total employee jobs	42,300	-	-	-
Full-time	27,000	63.8	68.6	68.3
Part-time	15,300	36.2	31.4	31.7
<b>Employee jobs by industry</b>				
Primary services (A-B: Agriculture and mining)	0	0.0	0.1	0.4
Manufacturing (C)	5500	13.0	12.4	8.5
Energy and water (D-E)	400	0.9	1.3	1.1
Construction (F)	1400	3.4	4.2	4.5
Wholesale and retail, including motor trades (G)	9200	21.8	18.1	15.9
Transport storage (H)	3100	7.4	5.0	4.5
Accommodation and food services (I)	1800	4.3	5.8	7.1
Information and communications (J)	500	1.2	2.7	4.1
Financial and other business services (K – N)	6000	14.1	18.2	22.2
Public admin, education and health (O – Q)	13000	30.7	27.8	27.4
Other services (R – S)	1300	3.1	4.4	4.4
Services (G – S)	34900	82.6	82.0	85.6

Source: [www.nomisweb.co.uk](http://www.nomisweb.co.uk)

## Civil Service Jobs 2018

Civil Service Jobs	Job Location			
	Nuneaton and Bedworth (Headcount)	Nuneaton and Bedworth (%)	West Midlands (%)	Great Britain (%)
Total civil service jobs	470	1.1	1.1	1.5
Full-time	260	0.6	0.8	1.1
Part-time	210	0.5	0.3	0.3

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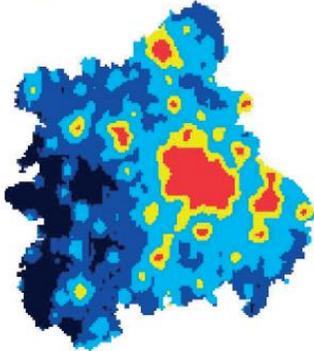
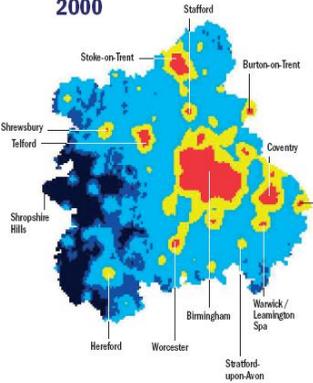
## Civil Service Jobs 2014

Civil Service Jobs	Job Location			
	Nuneaton and Bedworth (Headcount)	Nuneaton and Bedworth (%)	West Midlands (%)	Great Britain (%)
Total civil service jobs	760	1.8	1.2	1.5
Full-time	460	1.1	0.9	1.1
Part-time	310	0.7	0.3	0.4

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## 6) Landscape

Issue	Quantified information	Comparators and targets	Trend	Data Source	Comments/gaps
Landscape Character <b>(Ref. 6/1)</b>	<p>The countryside surrounding the Borough is protected by Green Belt, Area of Restraint or Countryside designations which direct development pressures away from sensitive landscapes and helps to protect biodiversity.</p> <p>Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) is a tool that helps us to understand our landscapes in all their diversity, character, distinctiveness and sensitivity to change. The overall aim of landscape character assessment, and subsequently, planning, design and management of landscapes, should be to achieve sustainable landscapes that are visually diverse, culturally rich and provide potential biodiversity opportunities, as well as being able to meet society's social, economic and environmental needs.</p> <p>Landscape Character Areas:</p> <p>HARTSHILL RIDGE ANKER VALLEY ESTATE FARMLANDS NUNEATON ESTATE FARMLANDS BULKINGTON ROLLING FARMLAND BULKINGTON VILLAGE FARMLANDS NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH URBAN FRINGES KERESLEY URBAN FRINGE KERESLEY NEWLANDS ANCIENT ARDEN BEDWORTH WOODLANDS RURAL FRINGE ARBURY PARKLANDS GALLEY COMMON HILL AND ROBINSON'S END VALLEY</p> <p>GALLEY COMMON HILLS AND VALLEYS WHITTLEFORD PARK AND BAR POOL RIVER VALLEY</p>			TEP Land Use Designations Study.	
Light Pollution <b>(Ref. 6/2)</b>				Campaign to Protect Rural England No change – CPRE has not updated this due to lack of suitable data.	<p>Satellite data obtained by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) shows that light pollution is rapidly increasing in the West Midlands.</p> <p>Between 1993 and 2000 light pollution increased by 30% in the region.</p> <p>Only 11% of truly dark skies are left in the region.</p> <p>However, Nuneaton and</p>

Issue	Quantified information	Comparators and targets	Trend	Data Source	Comments/gaps
	<p><b>1993</b></p> 	<p><b>2000</b></p> 			<p>Bedworth's levels of light pollution appear to have reduced.</p>
<p>Light Pollution in the West Midlands (highest levels of light pollution are indicated with red, the black indicates no light pollution detected)</p>					

## 7) Material Assets

Issue	Quantified information	Comparators and targets	Trend	Data Source	Comments/gaps						
% Household Waste Recycled <b>(Ref. 7/1)</b>	<p>Monthly figures in 2020/21 range from 17.56% to 19.50%.</p> <p>Monthly figures in 2019/20 range from 18.34% to 19.74%.</p> <p>% Household Waste Recycled</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>10/11</th> <th>11/12</th> <th>12/13</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>16.46</td> <td>19.12</td> <td>23.22</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	10/11	11/12	12/13	16.46	19.12	23.22	NBBC target for 2020/21 is to recycle 17-19%.	Declining % recycled since 2014/15. % of household waste recycled was increasing. 8.71% point increase between 2012 and 2005/2006.	2020/21 and 2019/20 from <a href="http://www.nuneatonandbedworth.org.uk/index.html">www.nuneatonandbedworth.org.uk/index.html</a> . [Last accessed on 15 April 2021].  2010 – 2012 from NBBC.	
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16.46	19.12	23.22									
% Household Waste Composted <b>(Ref. 7/2)</b>	<p>Monthly figures in 2020/21 range from 16.98% to 21.01%.</p> <p>Monthly figures in 2019/20 range from 15.8% to 20.17%.</p> <p>% household waste for composting</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>10/11</th> <th>11/12</th> <th>12/13</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>15.95</td> <td>15.95</td> <td>16.28</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	10/11	11/12	12/13	15.95	15.95	16.28	NBBC target for 2020/21 is to compost 16-21%.	In 2012 the % of household waste being composted is slowly increasing & still significantly below the county average (25.7%).	2020/21 and 2019/20 from <a href="http://www.nuneatonandbedworth.org.uk/index.html">www.nuneatonandbedworth.org.uk/index.html</a> . [Last accessed on 15 April 2021].  2010 – 2012 from NBBC.	
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## 8) Population and Human Health

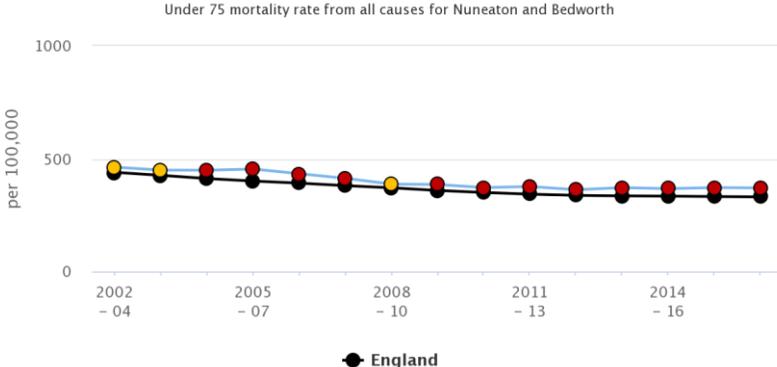
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Mid-year Estimates Population – Age Structure (Ref. 8/1)	Population Age Structure by Percentage of Total Population 2019		2019 and 2018 data shows an increasing percentage of NBBC consisting of those aged over 55 than in 2012. The 2012 Mid-year estimates estimated the Borough's population as being 125,800, substantially more than previous estimates.	Population data for 2019 from <a href="http://www.ons.gov.uk">www.ons.gov.uk</a> [Accessed on 22 January 2021].  Population data for 2018 and 2012 from <a href="http://www.nomis.gov.uk">www.nomis.gov.uk</a> [Accessed on 11 May 2020].  Population data for 2011 from Office of National Statistics (2011 Census with additional analysis by NBBC Planning Policy).	2019 and 2018 Comments set out below are fairly representative of the new position.  2011/12 The Borough currently has a relatively large working population (16-60) and has a slightly younger population than the Warwickshire average with 36.3% of the population under 30.  Of note in terms of age structure is the lack of persons aged 20 – 39 both in the Borough & in the County compared to the English average.  For the over 40 age groups Borough & County population structure very much mirrors the national picture.				
	<b>Age</b>	<b>% Aged by Location</b>							
		<b>Nuneaton &amp; Bedworth</b>				<b>England</b>			
	Aged under 1 year	1.22				1.10			
	Aged 1 - 4 years	5.04				4.76			
	Aged 5 - 9 years	6.39				6.29			
	Aged 10 - 14 years	5.95				5.96			
	Aged 15 - 19 years	5.16				5.49			
	Aged 20 - 24 years	5.37				6.20			
	Aged 25 - 29 years	6.23				6.75			
	Aged 30 - 34 years	6.65				6.77			
	Aged 35 - 39 years	6.44				6.63			
	Aged 40 - 44 years	5.78				6.07			
	Aged 45 - 49 years	6.63				6.60			
	Aged 50 - 54 years	7.38				6.94			
	Aged 55 - 59 years	6.73				6.52			
	Aged 60 - 64 years	5.75				5.53			
	Aged 65 - 69 years	5.44				4.97			
	Aged 70 - 74 years	5.31				4.94			
	Aged 75 - 79 years	3.76				3.45			
	Aged 80 - 84 years	2.59				2.56			
	Aged 85 and over	2.20				2.48			
	Population Age Structure by Percentage of Total Population 2018								
	<b>Age</b>	<b>% Aged by Location</b>							
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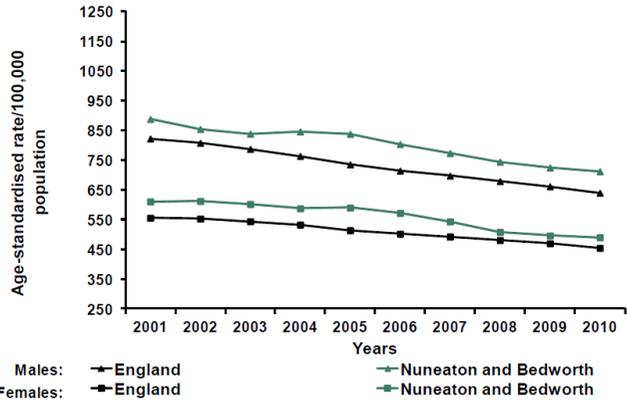
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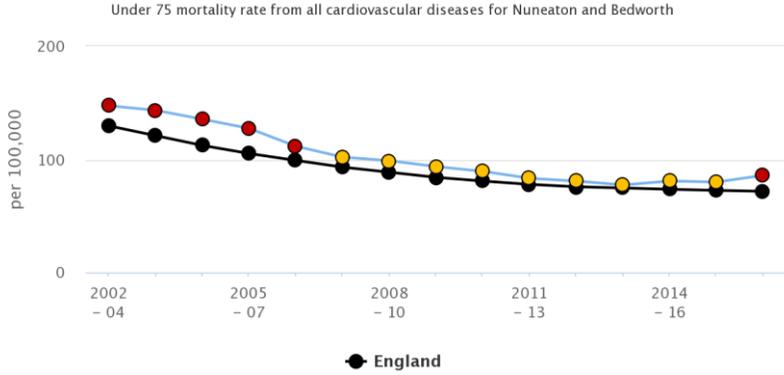
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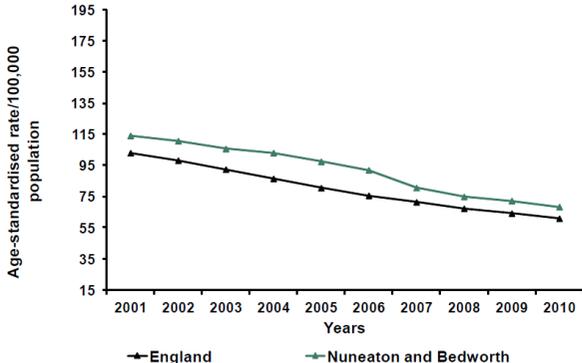
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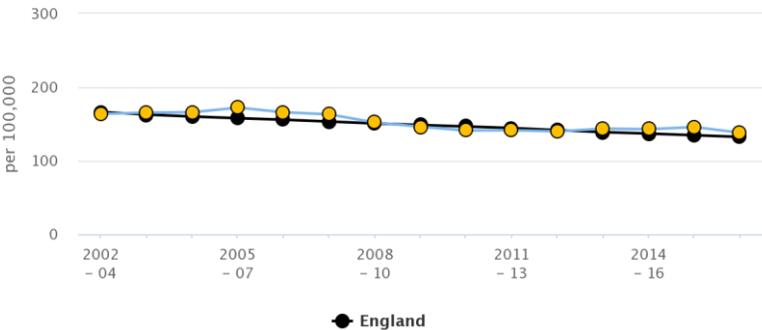
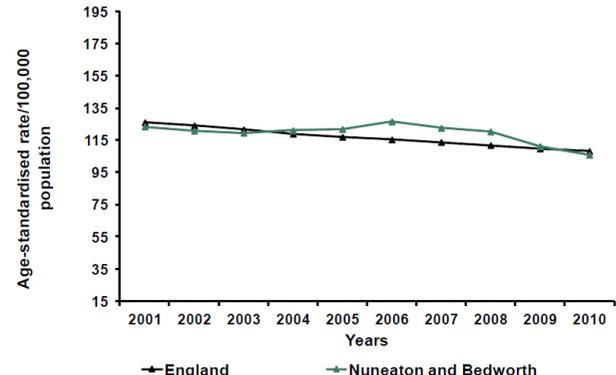
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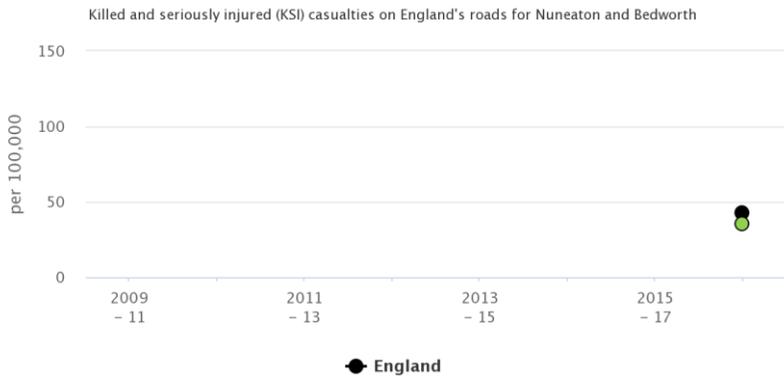
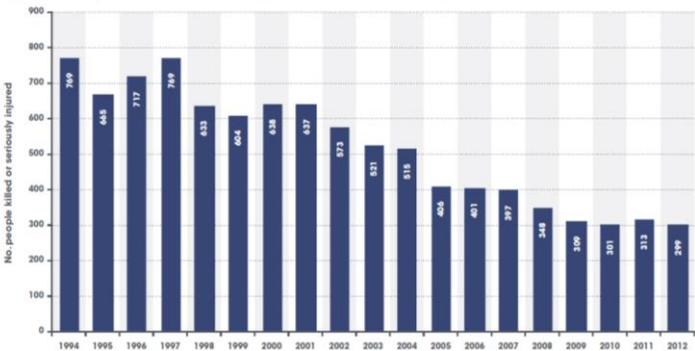
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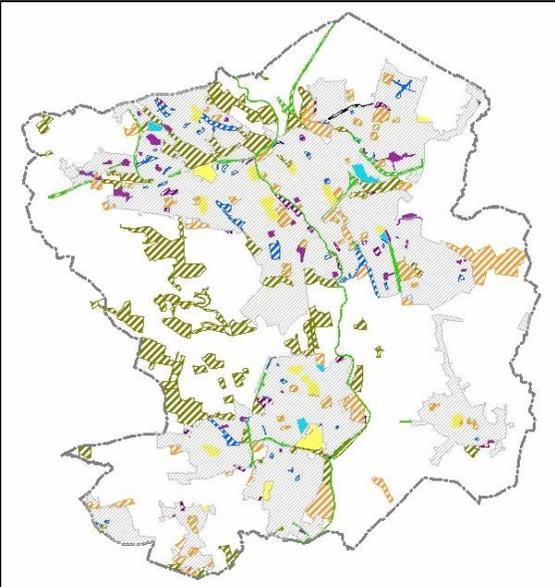
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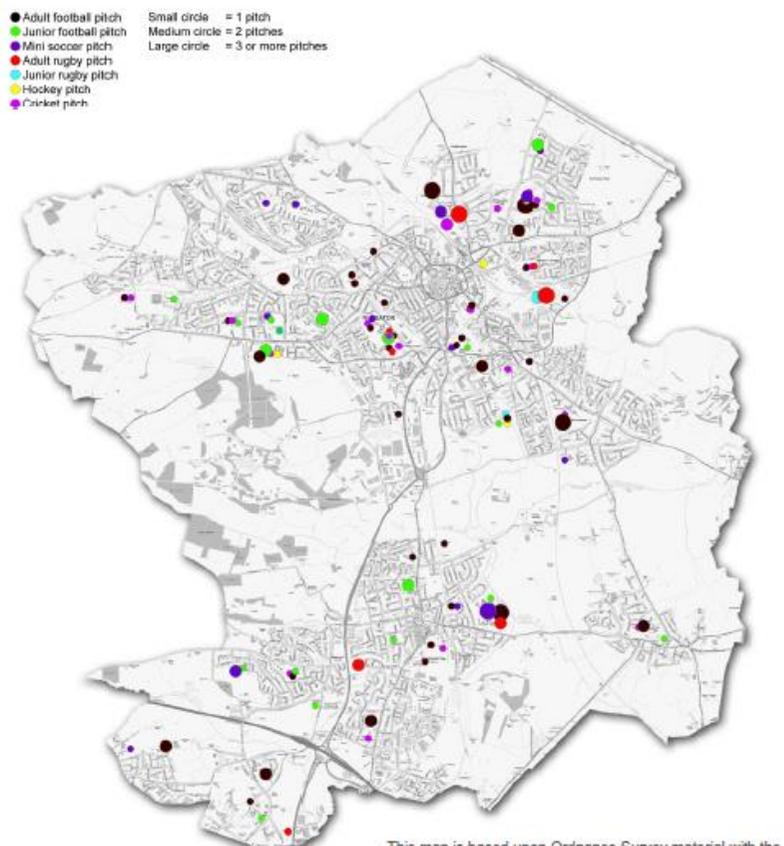
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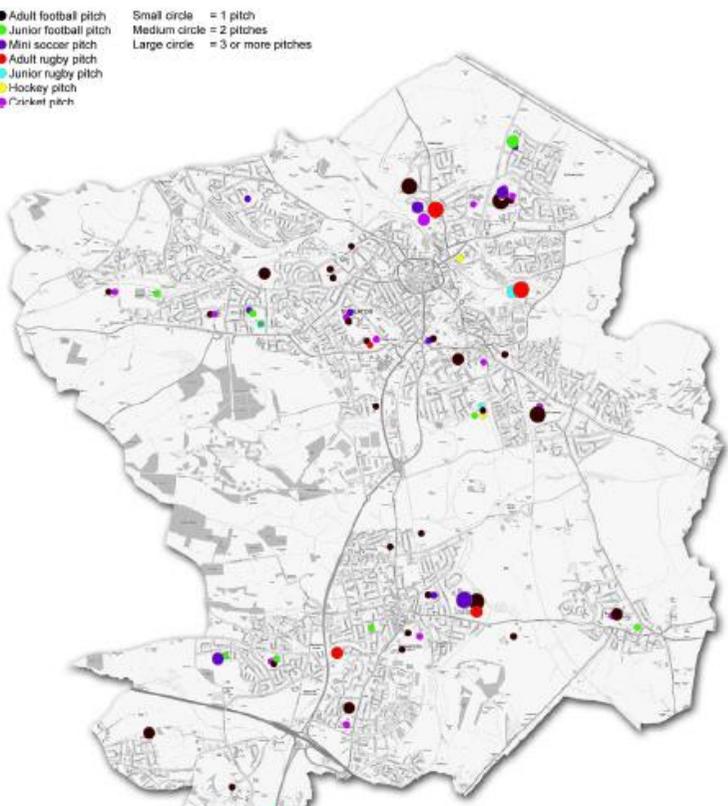
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## 10) Soil

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11) Water

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<p>Chemical Water Quality <b>(Ref. 11/1)</b></p>	<p>In 2019 no surface water bodies in England met the 'good chemical status'.</p> <p>Chemical and Biological Water Quality indicator superseded by England biodiversity indicator which appears not to disaggregate data down to regional or smaller levels of reporting. However, for England here has been a decrease in the proportion of surface water bodies in England awarded high or good ecological status since the indicator was first prepared in 2009; the indicator has also declined in the short term, between 2013 and 2018. In 2018, 16% of surface water bodies assessed under the Water Framework Directive (WFD) were in high or good status compared with 25% in 2009 and 23% in 2013.</p> <p><b>Figure 4.18: Chemical water quality, percentage of water network graded 'good', 2001-2006</b></p> <table border="1"> <caption>Humber river basin chemical classifications for surface waters 2015</caption> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3">Chemical Status</th> </tr> <tr> <th>No. of</th> <th>Fail</th> <th>Good</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Source: DEFRA, e-Digest of Environmental Statistics.</p>	Chemical Status			No. of	Fail	Good					<p>In 2001 to 2006 there was a gradual improvement in chemical water quality nationally but this was not reflected in Nuneaton.</p> <p>97% of surface waters in the Humber river basin were classified as chemically good and 95% in the Severn river basin.</p>	<p>2019 from <a href="https://deframedia.blog.gov.uk/2020/09/18/latest-water-classifications-results-published/">https://deframedia.blog.gov.uk/2020/09/18/latest-water-classifications-results-published/</a></p> <p>2018 to 2009 from <a href="http://www.gov.uk">www.gov.uk</a> [Accessed on 11 May 2020].</p> <p>2001 to 2006 from <a href="http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk">www.warwickshire.gov.uk</a> Source: DEFRA.</p> <p>2015 river basin data from <a href="http://www.gov.uk">www.gov.uk</a> Source: Humber RBD Part 1: River Basin Management Plan and Severn RBD Part 1: River Basin Management Plan [Accessed on 27 May 2020].</p>	<p>In 2015, England adopted the new monitoring and classification standards laid out in cycle 2 of the Water Framework Directive.</p> <p>The results from 2019 reflect a change in the methods used to classify English water bodies to more accurately report the presence of certain chemicals that do not break down easily in the environment.</p>
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<p>Flooding from Artificial Drainage Systems and Surface Water Runoff <b>(Ref. 11/5)</b></p>	<p>In Figure 7.5 of Appendix C of the Warwickshire Local Flood Risk Management Plan, April 2016, presents historic and predicted hotspots for flooding. A large part of the Borough is covered by predicted hotspots and much of Nuneaton and Bedworth urban areas.</p> <p>In 2008, within the Borough of Nuneaton and Bedworth there were eleven postcode areas identified as at risk of flooding from artificial drainage systems and surface water runoff. From the table below flooding from artificial sources occurs at a number of locations within the northern and southern post code areas within Nuneaton and Bedworth.</p>			<p>2016 from <a href="http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk">www.warwickshire.gov.uk</a> Source: Warwickshire Local Flood Risk Management Plan, April 2016.</p> <p>2008 from Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, Level 1, Volume 1, January 2008.</p>	

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## APPENDIX C: Assessment of Options Tables

## Question 4

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option 1 – Provide new employment through extension of existing employment estates with no focus on a particular area within the borough.</b>						
Air						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	++	++	++	++	++	Locating new employment estates adjoining existing offers good potential that new sustainable transport links can link into existing.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	-	-	-	-	-	Although extensions to employment estates would adjoin the existing urban areas they would not be located within them.
Biodiversity						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	-	-	-	-	-	New extensions to employment estates would have to be on greenfield land and thus their development has the potential to affect biodiversity although the effect on the landscape could be lessened by virtue of new development being in close proximity to an existing employment area.
Climatic Factors						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	+	+	+	++	+	New employment estates would lead to increased carbon emissions from their construction and operation. However, locating new estates adjoining existing has great potential to link into existing sustainable transport links which could reduce the need to travel by means using fossil fuels. New employment estates would lead to increased carbon emissions from their construction and operation. There is potential for mitigation as new buildings should be more energy efficient and can make use of new low or zero carbon technologies.
Cultural Heritage						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Economy						
6). Achieve a strong, stable,	++	++	++	++	++	New employment estates would lead to more employment opportunities

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and sustainable economy.						which aids to a strong, stable and sustainable economy.
Landscape						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	-	-	-	-	-	New development on greenfield land has the potential to negatively affect the landscape but this can be tempered by locating new development next to existing.
Material Assets						
8). Reduce waste creation and disposal.	-	-	-	-	-	New development will create some waste.
9). To ensure the prudent use of resources.	-	-	-	-	-	New development will result in the use of resources, locating new next to existing has the potential to reduce the quantity of resources needed by making use of existing infrastructure.
Population and Human Health						
10). Improve health and reduce health inequalities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Social Factors						
11). Provide decent housing for all.	-	-	-	-	-	No relationship.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.	+	+	+	+	+	New employment estates have the opportunity to improve access to jobs.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
15). Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.	-	-	-	-	-	No relationship.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Soil						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	--	--	--	--	--	New development on greenfield land would lead to the loss of soil and is unlikely to reduce the amount of derelict or contaminated land.

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Water						
18). Use water efficiently and minimise water pollution.	-	-	-	+	-	New developments will make use of more water but in mitigation new developments can be more efficient in their water use.
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.	-	-	-	-	-	Greenfield development has the potential to affect flooding.

### Summary

Option 1 proposes to provide new employment areas through the extension of existing employment estates with no focus on a particular area within the borough. The option is generally negative when assessed against the SA objectives and one significant negative effect has been assessed. The negative effects are attributable to the fact that any new development would be on greenfield land and make use of resources. Mitigation is possible through new buildings being energy and water efficient. Positive effects have been assessed for travelling by sustainable means, the economy, and jobs.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option 2 – Provide new employment in close proximity to the A5.</b>						
<b>Air</b>						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	+	+	+	+	+	Some potential to link into existing sustainable transport links in this location.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	--	--	--	--	--	Although new employment areas near to the A5 could adjoin urban areas they would not be within them and may not adjoin them.
<b>Biodiversity</b>						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	--	--	--	--	--	New employment areas would be on greenfield land and thus this has the potential to affect negatively biodiversity.
<b>Climatic Factors</b>						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	--	--	--	+	--	New employment estates would lead to increased carbon emissions from their construction and operation. There is a potential for mitigation as new buildings should be more energy efficient and can make use of new low or zero carbon technologies.
<b>Cultural Heritage</b>						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Economy</b>						
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.	++	++	++	++	++	New employment estates would lead to more employment opportunities which aids to a strong, stable and sustainable economy.
<b>Landscape</b>						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	--	--	--	--	--	New development on greenfield land has the potential to negatively affect the landscape.
<b>Material Assets</b>						
8). Reduce waste creation and disposal.	-	-	-	-	-	New development will create some waste.
9). To ensure the prudent use of resources.	--	--	--	--	--	New development will result in the use of resources.
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16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Soil</b>						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	--	--	--	--	--	New development on greenfield land would lead to the loss of soil and is unlikely to reduce the amount of derelict or contaminated land.
<b>Water</b>						
18). Use water efficiently and minimise water pollution.	-	-	-	+	-	New developments will make use of more water but in mitigation new developments can be more efficient in their water use.
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.	-	-	-	-	-	Greenfield development has the potential to have an effect on flooding.

### Summary

Option 2 proposes to provide new employment in close proximity to the A5. The option is generally negative when assessed against the SA objectives and six significant negative effects have been assessed. The negative effects are attributable to the fact that any new development would be on greenfield land,

make use of resources, and not have the benefits of Option 1 of being in proximity to existing employment areas. Mitigation is possible through new buildings being energy and water efficient. Positive effects have been assessed for travelling by sustainable means, the economy, and jobs.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option 3 – Provide new employment in close proximity to junction 3 of the M6.</b>						
<b>Air</b>						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	+	+	+	+	+	Some potential to link into existing sustainable transport links in this location.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	--	--	--	--	--	Although new employment areas near to the M6 could adjoin urban areas they would not be within them and may not adjoin them.
<b>Biodiversity</b>						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	--	--	--	--	--	New extensions would be on greenfield land and thus has the potential to affect these matters.
<b>Climatic Factors</b>						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	--	--	--	+	--	New employment estates would lead to increased carbon emissions from their construction and operation. There is a potential for mitigation as new buildings should be more energy efficient and can make use of new low or zero carbon technologies.
<b>Cultural Heritage</b>						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Economy</b>						
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.	++	++	++	++	++	New employment estates would lead to more employment opportunities which aids to a strong, stable and sustainable economy.
<b>Landscape</b>						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	--	--	--	--	--	New development on greenfield land has the potential to negatively affect the landscape.
<b>Material Assets</b>						
8). Reduce waste creation and disposal.	-	-	-	-	-	New development will create some waste.
9). To ensure the prudent use of resources.	--	--	--	--	--	New development will result in the use of resources.
<b>Population and Human Health</b>						

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
10). Improve health and reduce health inequalities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Social Factors</b>						
11). Provide decent housing for all.	-	-	-	-	-	No relationship.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.	+	+	+	+	+	New employment estates have the opportunity to improve access to jobs.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
15). Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.	-	-	-	-	-	No relationship.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Soil</b>						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	--	--	--	--	--	New development on greenfield land would lead to the loss of soil.
<b>Water</b>						
18). Use water efficiently and minimise water pollution.	-	-	-	+	-	New developments will make use of more water but in mitigation new developments can be more efficient in their water use.
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.	-	-	-	-	-	Greenfield development has the potential to have an effect on flooding.

### Summary

Option 3 proposes to provide new employment in close proximity to junction 3 of the M6. The option is generally negative when assessed against the SA objectives and six significant negative effects have been assessed. The negative effects are attributable to the fact that any new development would be on

greenfield land, make use of resources, and not have the benefits of Option 1 of being in proximity to existing employment areas. Mitigation is possible through new buildings being energy and water efficient. Positive effects have been assessed for travelling by sustainable means, the economy, and jobs.

## Question 6

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option 1 – Continuation of the protection of existing employment uses from non-employment uses.</b>						
Air						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Biodiversity						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Climatic Factors						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Cultural Heritage						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Economy						
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.	+	+	+	+	+	Protection of existing employment areas would ensure that land and buildings would be available to 'traditional' employment uses.
Landscape						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Material Assets						
8). Reduce waste creation and disposal.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
9). To ensure the prudent use of resources.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Population and Human Health						
10). Improve health and reduce health inequalities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Social Factors						
11). Provide decent housing for all.	-	-	-	-	-	No relationship.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.	+	+	+	+	+	Protection of existing employment areas would ensure that land and buildings would be available to 'traditional' employment uses and, thus jobs related to these uses.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
15). Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.	-	-	-	-	-	No relationship.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Soil						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Water						
18). Use water efficiently and minimise water pollution.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

## Summary

Option 1 is to continue to protect existing employment uses from non-employment uses. Many of the SA objectives do not relate to this option and thus there are many SA objectives where there is either no relationship or no obvious link. It is only SA objectives 6 and 12 which relate to the economy and jobs, respectively, where any relationship is found and this is a positive relationship because by protecting employment estates from non-employment uses there is potential for ensuring that sufficient land is available to meet the economic demands of the borough.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option 2 - Set out the types of non-employment uses that would be allowable in existing employment uses.</b>						
<b>Air</b>						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Biodiversity</b>						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Climatic Factors</b>						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Cultural Heritage</b>						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Economy</b>						
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.	+	+	+	+	+	Removing the protection of existing employment areas to 'traditional' employment uses runs the risk of losing valuable employment land to other uses. However, it would allow for diversification of this land and make use of land that may no longer be sought after for employment uses.
<b>Landscape</b>						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Material Assets</b>						
8). Reduce waste creation and disposal.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
9). To ensure the prudent	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
use of resources.						
Population and Human Health						
10). Improve health and reduce health inequalities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Social Factors						
11). Provide decent housing for all.	-	-	-	-	-	No relationship.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.	+	+	+	+	+	Removing the protection of existing employment areas to 'traditional' employment uses runs the risk of losing valuable employment land to other uses. However, it would allow for diversification of this land and make use of land that may no longer be sought after for employment uses. If this meant reduced vacancy of units then this would have a positive effect on jobs.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
15). Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.	-	-	-	-	-	No relationship.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Soil						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Water						
18). Use water efficiently and minimise water pollution.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

## Summary

Option 2 is to set out the types of non-employment uses that would be allowable in existing employment uses. Many of the SA objectives do not relate to this option and thus there are many SA objectives where there is either no relationship or no obvious link. It is only SA objectives 6 and 12 which relate to the economy and jobs, respectively, where any relationship is found and this is a positive relationship because by removing the absolute protection on employment estates from non-employment uses there is potential for allowing a diversification of these estates and the commensurate benefits to the economy and jobs.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option 3 - Set out the existing employment areas within which non-employment uses would be acceptable.</b>						
<b>Air</b>						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Biodiversity</b>						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Climatic Factors</b>						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Cultural Heritage</b>						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Economy</b>						
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.	++	++	++	++	++	Removing the protection of some of the existing employment areas to 'traditional' employment uses runs the risk of losing valuable employment land to other uses. However, it would allow for diversification of this land and make use of land that may no longer be sought after for employment uses. By using evidence to ascertain those areas no longer required it would make sure that the most valued employment land is retained whilst still allowing diversification.
<b>Landscape</b>						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Material Assets</b>						
8). Reduce waste creation	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
and disposal.						
9). To ensure the prudent use of resources.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Population and Human Health						
10). Improve health and reduce health inequalities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Social Factors						
11). Provide decent housing for all.	-	-	-	-	-	No relationship.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.	++	++	++	++	++	Removing the protection of existing employment areas to 'traditional' employment uses runs the risk of losing valuable employment land to other uses. However, it would allow for diversification of this land and make use of land that may no longer be sought after for employment uses. By using evidence to ascertain those areas no longer required it would make sure that the most valued employment land is retained whilst still allowing diversification. By finding a balance between required employment land and new uses in employment areas this has the opportunity to increase access to a range of jobs.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
15). Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.	-	-	-	-	-	No relationship.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Soil						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Water						
18). Use water efficiently and	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
minimise water pollution.						
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

### Summary

Option 3 is to set out the existing employment areas within which non-employment uses would be acceptable. Many of the SA objectives do not relate to this option and thus there are many SA objectives where there is either no relationship or no obvious link. It is only SA objectives 6 and 12 which relate to the economy and jobs, respectively, where any relationship is found and this is a significant positive relationship. By assessing those estates that are not fulfilling their full potential and then allowing diversification of these estates whilst still retaining those estates important for employment uses there are significant benefits to the economy and jobs.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option 4 - Restrict the number of non-employment uses that each employment area can accommodate.</b>						
<b>Air</b>						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Biodiversity</b>						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Climatic Factors</b>						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Cultural Heritage</b>						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Economy</b>						
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.	++	++	++	++	++	Removing the protection of some of the existing employment areas to 'traditional' employment uses runs the risk of losing valuable employment land to other uses. However, it would allow for diversification of this land and make use of land that may no longer be sought after for employment uses. By using evidence to ascertain those areas no longer required it would make sure that the most valued employment land is retained whilst still allowing diversification.
<b>Landscape</b>						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Material Assets</b>						
8). Reduce waste creation	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
and disposal.						
9). To ensure the prudent use of resources.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Population and Human Health						
10). Improve health and reduce health inequalities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Social Factors						
11). Provide decent housing for all.	-	-	-	-	-	No relationship.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.	++	++	++	++	++	Removing the protection of existing employment areas to 'traditional' employment uses runs the risk of losing valuable employment land to other uses. However, it would allow for diversification of this land and make use of land that may no longer be sought after for employment uses. By using evidence to ascertain those areas no longer required it would make sure that the most valued employment land is retained whilst still allowing diversification. By finding a balance between required employment land and new uses in employment areas this has the opportunity to increase access to a range of jobs.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
15). Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.	-	-	-	-	-	No relationship.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Soil						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Water						
18). Use water efficiently and	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
minimise water pollution.						
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

### Summary

Option 4 is to restrict the number of non-employment uses that each employment area can accommodate. Many of the SA objectives do not relate to this option and thus there are many SA objectives where there is either no relationship or no obvious link. It is only SA objectives 6 and 12 which relate to the economy and jobs, respectively, where any relationship is found and this is a significant positive relationship. By assessing those estates and calculating either which units or which proportion of the estate could be allowed to change from an employment use this would allow diversification of these estates whilst still retaining those elements of them that are important for employment uses there are significant benefits to the economy and jobs.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option 5 - Remove any form of protection of existing employment uses from non-employment uses.</b>						
Air						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Biodiversity						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Climatic Factors						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Cultural Heritage						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Economy						
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.	+	+	+	+	+	Removing the protection of existing employment areas to 'traditional' employment uses runs the risk of losing valuable employment land to other uses. However, it would allow for diversification of this land and make use of land that may no longer be sought after for employment uses.
Landscape						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Material Assets						
8). Reduce waste creation and disposal.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
9). To ensure the prudent	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
use of resources.						
Population and Human Health						
10). Improve health and reduce health inequalities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Social Factors						
11). Provide decent housing for all.	-	-	-	-	-	No relationship.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.	+	+	+	+	+	Removing the protection of existing employment areas to 'traditional' employment uses runs the risk of losing valuable employment land to other uses. However, it would allow for diversification of this land and make use of land that may no longer be sought after for employment uses. If this meant reduced vacancy of units then this would have a positive effect on jobs.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
15). Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.	-	-	-	-	-	No relationship.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Soil						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Water						
18). Use water efficiently and minimise water pollution.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

## Summary

Option 5 is to remove any form of protection of existing employment uses from non-employment uses. Many of the SA objectives do not relate to this option and thus there are many SA objectives where there is either no relationship or no obvious link. It is only SA objectives 6 and 12 which relate to the economy and jobs, respectively, where any relationship is found and this is a positive relationship because by removing any protection for employment estates from non-employment uses there is potential for diversification.

## Question 7

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option 1 – Prioritise the existing urban areas of the Borough followed by land in the countryside that is not Green Belt, and then Green Belt land.</b>						
Air						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	++	++	++	++	++	Prioritising the locating of new residential developments to urban areas first allows a greater opportunity to link into sustainable transport infrastructure that may already exist.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	++	++	++	++	++	This option would focus new residential developments to the existing urban areas in the first instance.
Biodiversity						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	++	++	++	++	++	By focusing new developments to within the urban areas this would avoid most land with these designations which are mainly outside the urban areas.
Climatic Factors						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	+	+	+	+	+	Residential development in the urban areas have the potential to make use of existing key services and infrastructure without the need to travel by car. Redevelopment of existing buildings can be more efficient than building new.
Cultural Heritage						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	-	-	-	+	-	Most of the Borough's statutory historic assets are in the urban areas as are all of the conservation areas thus focussing development in the urban areas has the potential to harm these assets. Sufficient controls exist to offer the likelihood that the harm can be mitigated against.
Economy						
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.	+	+	+	+	+	New residential developments will contribute jobs to the local economy.
Landscape						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	++	++	++	++	++	By making Green Belt the last priority for new residential development this has the potential to help protect the landscape of the Borough.
Material Assets						
8). Reduce waste creation and disposal.	+	+	+	+	+	New developments will create more waste but in urban areas there are opportunities to make use of existing buildings and change their use

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
						thereby reducing levels of construction and thus waste creation.
9). To ensure the prudent use of resources.	++	++	++	++	++	Focus on urban areas would optimise the use of previously developed land and increase residential densities of urban areas.
Population and Human Health						
10). Improve health and reduce health inequalities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Social Factors						
11). Provide decent housing for all.	++	++	++	++	++	Option does not explicitly set out that it will help to provide a range of houses but this would be part of new housing provision.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.	++	++	++	++	++	Focus on urban areas where existing community and key facilities are located should ensure easy and fair access to them.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
15). Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Soil						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	++	++	++	++	++	Urban area focus would minimise the use of greenfield land and has the potential to reduce the quantity of derelict and contaminated land through redevelopment of that land.
Water						
18). Use water efficiently and minimise water pollution.	-	-	-	+	-	New development will make use of more water but new developments can be more water efficient.
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.	+	+	+	+	+	Option will avoid natural flood storage areas but some of the urban areas do suffer from flooding. Focus on urban areas unlikely to provide habitat creation or connect blue corridors.

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## Summary

Option 1 is to prioritise the existing urban areas of the Borough followed by land in the countryside that is not Green Belt, and then Green Belt land for locating new residential dwellings. In general, the option scores positively across those SA objectives where there is a relationship. These positives are a result of the focus to locate dwellings in the urban area in the first instance and then to look at greenfield locations, with the Green Belt being the last choice. There are some SA objectives where there is no obvious link and this is because at this stage the options are so broad it is not possible to assess any implications. The two SA objectives where a negative relationship has been assessed are for the effects on the historic and water environments. However, with mitigation these could be made positive.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option 2 - Prioritise the existing urban areas of the Borough followed by land in the countryside no matter whether it is designated as Green Belt or not.</b>						
Air						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	++	++	++	++	++	Prioritising the locating of new residential developments to urban areas first allows a greater opportunity to link into sustainable transport infrastructure that may already exist.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	++	++	++	++	++	This option would focus new residential developments to the existing urban areas in the first instance.
Biodiversity						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	++	++	++	++	++	By focusing new developments to within the urban areas this would avoid most land with these designations which are mainly outside the urban areas.
Climatic Factors						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	+	+	+	+	+	Residential development in the urban areas have the potential to make use of existing key services and infrastructure without the need to travel by car. Redevelopment of existing buildings can be more efficient than building new.
Cultural Heritage						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	-	-	-	+	-	Most of the Borough's statutory historic assets are in the urban areas as are all of the conservation areas thus focussing development in the urban areas has the potential to harm these assets. Sufficient controls exist to offer the likelihood that the harm can be mitigated against.
Economy						
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.	+	+	+	+	+	New residential developments will contribute jobs to the local economy.
Landscape						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	+	+	+	+	+	By making greenfield developments outside of the urban areas the last priority for new residential development this has the potential to help protect the landscape of the Borough but by not distinguishing between Green Belt and other land outside the urban areas the benefits of this are reduced.
Material Assets						

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
8). Reduce waste creation and disposal.	+	+	+	+	+	New developments will create more waste but in urban areas there are opportunities to make use of existing buildings and change their use thereby reducing levels of construction and thus waste creation.
9). To ensure the prudent use of resources.	++	++	++	++	++	Focus on urban areas would optimise the use of previously developed land and increase residential densities of urban areas.
Population and Human Health						
10). Improve health and reduce health inequalities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Social Factors						
11). Provide decent housing for all.	++	++	++	++	++	Option does not explicitly set out that it will help to provide a range of houses but this would be part of new housing provision.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.	++	++	++	++	++	Focus on urban areas where existing community and key facilities are located should ensure easy and fair access to them.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
15). Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Soil						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	++	++	++	++	++	Urban area focus would minimise the use of greenfield land and has the potential to reduce the quantity of derelict and contaminated land through redevelopment of that land.
Water						
18). Use water efficiently and minimise water pollution.	-	-	-	+	-	New development will make use of more water but new developments can be more water efficient.
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from	+	+	+	+	+	Option will avoid natural flood storage areas but some of the urban areas do suffer from flooding. Focus on urban areas unlikely to provide habitat

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
flooding and natural flood storage areas.						creation or connect blue corridors.

### Summary

Option 2 is to prioritise the existing urban areas of the Borough followed by land in the countryside no matter whether it is designated as Green Belt or not for locating new residential dwellings. In general, the option scores positively across those SA objectives where there is a relationship. These positives are a result of the focus to locate dwellings in the urban area in the first instance and then to look at greenfield locations outside of the urban areas. There are some SA objectives where there is no obvious link and this is because at this stage the options are so broad it is not possible to assess any implications. The two SA objectives where a negative relationship has been assessed are for the effects on the historic and water environments. However, with mitigation these could be made positive.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option 3 - Prioritise to the most sustainable locations no matter whether it is designated as an urban area, countryside, or Green Belt.</b>						
<b>Air</b>						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	++	++	++	++	++	The most sustainable location for new residential developments should be areas that allow for the greater opportunities to link into existing sustainable transport infrastructure.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	-	-	-	-	-	This option does not focus development into the urban areas. It does not preclude urban development but would allow all development to be greenfield.
<b>Biodiversity</b>						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	++	++	++	++	++	This option, by being sustainable, should seek to avoid these areas.
<b>Climatic Factors</b>						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	++	++	++	++	++	Sustainable locations should make use of existing key services and infrastructure without the need to travel by car.
<b>Cultural Heritage</b>						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	++	++	++	++	++	This option, by being sustainable, should seek to avoid harm to historic assets.
<b>Economy</b>						
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.	+	+	+	+	+	New residential developments will contribute jobs to the local economy.
<b>Landscape</b>						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	++	++	++	++	++	Sustainable locations should avoid harm to landscapes.
<b>Material Assets</b>						
8). Reduce waste creation and disposal.	-	-	-	-	-	New developments will create more waste.
9). To ensure the prudent use of resources.	-	-	-	-	-	No focus on the urban areas and, therefore, no guarantee of use of previously developed land or increased density in urban areas.
<b>Population and Human Health</b>						
10). Improve health and	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
reduce health inequalities.						
Social Factors						
11). Provide decent housing for all.	++	++	++	++	++	Option does not explicitly set out that it will help to provide a range of houses but this would be part of new housing provision.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.	++	++	++	++	++	Sustainability should be about easy and fair access to community and key facilities.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
15). Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Soil						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	-	-	-	-	-	Nothing in the option that would reduce the quantity of derelict and contaminated land.
Water						
18). Use water efficiently and minimise water pollution.	-	-	-	+	-	New development will make use of more water but new developments can be more water efficient.
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.	++	++	++	++	++	Sustainable locations should avoid these areas.

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## Summary

Option 3 is to prioritise new residential dwellings to the most sustainable locations no matter whether it is designated as an urban area, countryside, or Green Belt. In general, the option scores positively across those SA objectives where there is a relationship. These positives are a result of the focus to locate dwellings in the most sustainable locations, the difficulty with assessing this is that 'sustainable' is not defined and it has been taken to be sustainable in broad terms. The other issue is that each SA objective has been assessed in isolation but it is highly unlikely that all could be achieved, sustainability is more a compromise. There are some SA objectives where there is no obvious link and this is because at this stage the options are so broad it is not possible to assess any implications. Four SA objectives have been assessed as having a negative relationship with the option. One of these, the SA objective relating to the effects on the water environment could be made positive with mitigation. However, the other three cannot and are negative principally because of the lack of priority to urban areas – the option does not preclude the urban areas being utilised but also does not ensure they are.

## Question 8

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option A – Prioritise land that is in the countryside that is not Green Belt followed by Green Belt land.</b>						
Air						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	-	-	-	-	-	Prioritising the location of new employment developments in the countryside can have a limited opportunity to link into existing sustainable transport infrastructure.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	--	--	--	--	--	This option does nothing to focussing development to the urban areas.
Biodiversity						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	--	--	--	--	--	Land with these designations are mainly outside the urban areas and so there is limited protection from this option.
Climatic Factors						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	-	-	-	-	-	Greenfield, countryside locations may not help in reducing the need to travel by car.
Cultural Heritage						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	+	+	+	+	+	Most of the Borough's statutory historic assets are in the urban areas as are all of the conservation areas thus focussing development outside the urban areas has the potential to limit harm to these assets.
Economy						
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.	++	++	++	++	++	New employment areas provide the opportunity for more jobs.
Landscape						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	-	-	-	-	-	By making greenfield developments outside of the urban areas the first priority this has the potential to harm landscapes. Green Belt land as the next priority means the harm is not significant.
Material Assets						
8). Reduce waste creation and disposal.	-	-	-	-	-	New developments will create more waste.
9). To ensure the prudent	--	--	--	--	--	Focus outside of urban areas would not optimise the use of previously

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
use of resources.						developed land or increase residential densities of urban areas.
Population and Human Health						
10). Improve health and reduce health inequalities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Social Factors						
11). Provide decent housing for all.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.	+	+	+	+	+	New employment areas provide the opportunity for more jobs.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
15). Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Soil						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	--	--	--	--	--	Focusses of this option would not minimise the use of greenfield land and is unlikely to reduce the quantity of derelict and contaminated land.
Water						
18). Use water efficiently and minimise water pollution.	-	-	-	+	-	New development will make use of more water but new developments can be more water efficient.
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.	-	-	-	-	-	Greenfield land offers natural flood storage flooding. However, greenfield sites could provide habitat creation or connect blue corridors.

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**Summary**

Option A is to prioritise land that is in the countryside that is not Green Belt followed by Green Belt land. In general, the option scores negatively across those SA objectives where there is a relationship. These negatives are a result of the focus to locate new employment developments in the countryside. There are only three SA objectives where a positive relationship has been assessed and these relate to the economy and jobs (clear benefits from new employment uses) and the historic environment.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option B - Prioritise land that is in the countryside no matter whether it is designated as Green Belt or not.</b>						
Air						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	-	-	-	-	-	Prioritising the location of new employment developments in the countryside can have a limited opportunity to link into existing sustainable transport infrastructure.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	--	--	--	--	--	This option does nothing to focussing development to the urban areas.
Biodiversity						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	--	--	--	--	--	Land with these designations are mainly outside the urban areas and so there is limited protection from this option.
Climatic Factors						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	-	-	-	-	-	Greenfield, countryside locations may not help in reducing the need to travel by car.
Cultural Heritage						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	+	+	+	+	+	Most of the Borough's statutory historic assets are in the urban areas as are all of the conservation areas thus focussing development outside the urban areas has the potential to limit harm these assets.
Economy						
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.	++	++	++	++	++	New employment areas provide the opportunity for more jobs.
Landscape						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	--	--	--	--	--	By making greenfield developments outside of the urban areas the first priority this has the potential to harm landscapes.
Material Assets						
8). Reduce waste creation and disposal.	-	-	-	-	-	New developments will create more waste.
9). To ensure the prudent use of resources.	--	--	--	--	--	Focus outside of urban areas would not optimise the use of previously developed land and increase residential densities of urban areas.
Population and Human Health						
10). Improve health and	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
reduce health inequalities.						
<b>Social Factors</b>						
11). Provide decent housing for all.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.	+	+	+	+	+	New employment areas provide the opportunity for more jobs.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
15). Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Soil</b>						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	--	--	--	--	--	Focusses of this option would not minimise the use of greenfield land and is unlikely to reduce the quantity of derelict and contaminated land.
<b>Water</b>						
18). Use water efficiently and minimise water pollution.	-	-	-	+	-	New development will make use of more water but new developments can be more water efficient.
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.	-	-	-	-	-	Greenfield land offers natural flood storage flooding. However, greenfield sites could provide habitat creation or connect blue corridors.

### Summary

Option B is to prioritise land that is in the countryside no matter whether it is designated as Green Belt or not. In general, the option scores negatively across those SA objectives where there is a relationship. These negatives are a result of the focus to locate new employment developments in the countryside.

There are only three SA objectives where a positive relationship has been assessed and these relate to the economy and jobs (clear benefits from new employment uses) and the historic environment.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option C - Prioritise to the most sustainable locations no matter whether it is designated as countryside or Green Belt.</b>						
<b>Air</b>						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	++	++	++	++	++	Prioritising the location of new employment developments in the countryside can have a limited opportunity to link into existing sustainable transport infrastructure. Notwithstanding this, a sustainable location should be one that links into existing infrastructure and improves accessibility.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	--	--	--	--	--	This option does nothing to focussing development to the urban areas.
<b>Biodiversity</b>						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	++	++	++	++	++	Land with these designations are mainly outside the urban areas and so there is limited protection from this option, however, a sustainable location should be one that avoids these.
<b>Climatic Factors</b>						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	++	++	++	++	++	Greenfield, countryside locations may not help in reducing the need to travel by car but a sustainable location should be one that reduces this movement and allows access by sustainable modes to key services and facilities.
<b>Cultural Heritage</b>						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	+	+	+	+	+	Most of the Borough's statutory historic assets are in the urban areas as are all of the conservation areas thus focussing development outside the urban areas has the potential to limit harm to these assets.
<b>Economy</b>						
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.	++	++	++	++	++	New employment areas provide the opportunity for more jobs.
<b>Landscape</b>						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	++	++	++	++	++	By focusing development on greenfield sites outside of the urban areas this has the potential to harm landscapes but sustainable locations would not.
<b>Material Assets</b>						
8). Reduce waste creation and disposal.	-	-	-	-	-	New developments will create more waste.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
9). To ensure the prudent use of resources.	--	--	--	--	--	Focus outside of urban areas would not optimise the use of previously developed land and increase residential densities of urban areas.
Population and Human Health						
10). Improve health and reduce health inequalities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Social Factors						
11). Provide decent housing for all.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.	+	+	+	+	+	New employment areas provide the opportunity for more jobs.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
15). Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Soil						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	--	--	--	--	--	Focusses of this option would not minimise the use of greenfield land and is unlikely to reduce the quantity of derelict and contaminated land.
Water						
18). Use water efficiently and minimise water pollution.	-	-	-	+	-	New development will make use of more water but new developments can be more water efficient.
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.	++	++	++	++	++	Greenfield land offers natural flood storage flooding. However, greenfield sites could provide habitat creation or connect blue corridors. Sustainable locations would avoid this harm.

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**Summary**

Option C is toprioritise to the most sustainable locations no matter whether it is designated as countryside or Green Belt. In general, the option scores positively across those SA objectives where there is a relationship. The positive scoring is a result of the option focussing on sustainable locations. The big issue with the scoring is that there has to be an assumption of what sustainable means and that for each SA objective it is assessed in isolation. Negative effects have been caused by the effects of new development and that the options does not focus on the urban areas – it does not preclude these areas but does not ensure that they are developed.

## Question 11

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option 1 – locating new residential development within existing settlement boundaries</b>						
Air						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	++	++	++	++	++	Prioritising the locating of new residential developments to urban areas allows a greater opportunity to link into sustainable transport infrastructure that may already exist.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	++	++	++	++	++	This option would focus new residential developments to the existing urban areas.
Biodiversity						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	++	++	++	++	++	By focusing new developments to within the urban areas this would avoid most land with these designations which are mainly outside the urban areas.
Climatic Factors						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	+	+	+	+	+	Residential development in the urban areas have the potential to make use of existing key services and infrastructure without the need to travel by car. Redevelopment of existing buildings can be more efficient than building new.
Cultural Heritage						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	-	-	-	+	-	Most of the Borough's statutory historic assets are in the urban areas as are all of the conservation areas thus focussing development in the urban areas has the potential to harm these assets. Sufficient controls exist to offer the likelihood that the harm can be mitigated against.
Economy						
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.	+	+	+	+	+	New residential developments will contribute jobs to the local economy.
Landscape						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	++	++	++	++	++	By making urban areas the priority for new residential development this has the potential to help protect the landscape of the Borough.
Material Assets						
8). Reduce waste creation	+	+	+	+	+	New developments will create more waste but in urban areas there are

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
and disposal.						opportunities to make use of existing buildings and change their use thereby reducing levels of construction and thus waste creation.
9). To ensure the prudent use of resources.	++	++	++	++	++	Focus on urban areas would optimise the use of previously developed land and increase residential densities of urban areas.
Population and Human Health						
10). Improve health and reduce health inequalities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Social Factors						
11). Provide decent housing for all.	++	++	++	++	++	Option does not explicitly set out that it will help to provide a range of houses but this would be part of new housing provision.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.	++	++	++	++	++	Focus on urban areas where existing community and key facilities are located should ensure easy and fair access to them.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
15). Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Soil						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	++	++	++	++	++	Urban area focus has the potential to reduce the quantity of derelict and contaminated land through redevelopment of that land.
Water						
18). Use water efficiently and minimise water pollution.	-	-	-	+	-	New development will make use of more water but new developments can be more water efficient.
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.	+	+	+	+	+	Option will avoid natural flood storage areas but some of the urban areas do suffer from flooding. Focus on urban areas unlikely to provide habitat creation or connect blue corridors.

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**Summary**

Option 1 is to locate new residential development within existing settlement boundaries. The option scores very positively across those SA objectives where there is a relationship. The positive scoring is a result of the option to locate new housing within the existing urban areas which are the most sustainable locations in the borough. Only two negative effects have been found, against SA objectives on the historic environment and water. However, it is considered that with mitigation both of these could be overcome.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option 2 - small scale, sustainable urban extensions focused on transport infrastructure (e.g. close to the A444, railway stations)</b>						
<b>Air</b>						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	++	++	++	++	++	Prioritising new residential developments in proximity to transport infrastructure could provide an opportunity to link into existing sustainable transport infrastructure if it exists but a sustainable extension should be one that links into existing infrastructure and improves accessibility.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	--	--	--	--	--	This option does nothing to focussing development to the urban areas.
<b>Biodiversity</b>						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	++	++	++	++	++	Land with these designations are mainly outside the urban areas and so there is limited protection from this option, however, a sustainable location should be one that avoids these.
<b>Climatic Factors</b>						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	++	++	++	++	++	Greenfield, countryside locations may not help in reducing the need to travel by car but a sustainable location should be one that reduces this movement and allows access by sustainable modes to key services and facilities.
<b>Cultural Heritage</b>						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	+	+	+	+	+	Most of the Borough's statutory historic assets are in the urban areas as are all of the conservation areas thus development outside the urban areas has the potential to limit harm to these assets.
<b>Economy</b>						
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.	+	+	+	+	+	New residential developments will contribute jobs to the local economy.
<b>Landscape</b>						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	++	++	++	++	++	By developing greenfield sites outside of the urban areas this has the potential to harm landscapes but sustainable locations would not.
<b>Material Assets</b>						
8). Reduce waste creation and disposal.	-	-	-	-	-	New developments will create more waste.
9). To ensure the prudent use of resources.	--	--	--	--	--	Focus outside of urban areas would not optimise the use of previously developed land and increase residential densities of urban areas.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
Population and Human Health						
10). Improve health and reduce health inequalities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Social Factors						
11). Provide decent housing for all.	++	++	++	++	++	Option does not explicitly set out that it will help to provide a range of houses but this would be part of new housing provision.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.	+	+	+	+	+	Locating new developments near to existing transport infrastructure has the potential to allow access to services.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
15). Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Soil						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	--	--	--	--	--	This option would not minimise the use of greenfield land and is unlikely to reduce the quantity of derelict and contaminated land.
Water						
18). Use water efficiently and minimise water pollution.	-	-	-	+	-	New development will make use of more water but new developments can be more water efficient.
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.	++	++	++	++	++	Greenfield land offers natural flood storage flooding. However, greenfield sites could provide habitat creation or connect blue corridors. Sustainable locations would avoid this harm.

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**Summary**

Option 2 is to locate new residential developments in small scale, sustainable urban extensions focused on transport infrastructure (e.g. close to the A444, railway stations). The option scores generally positively across those SA objectives where there is a relationship. Where positive scoring has been found then this is because the option is attempting to seek sustainable locations. Negative effects have been found, against SA objectives due to development being outside of the urban areas and the effects from new development. However, it is considered that with mitigation the effects on water could be overcome.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option 3 - locating new residential development in non-Green Belt areas</b>						
<b>Air</b>						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	-	-	-	-	-	Prioritising new residential developments to the countryside can have a limited opportunity to link into existing sustainable transport infrastructure.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	--	--	--	--	--	This option does nothing to focussing development to the urban areas.
<b>Biodiversity</b>						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	--	--	--	--	--	Land with these designations are mainly outside the urban areas and so there is limited protection from this option.
<b>Climatic Factors</b>						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	-	-	-	-	-	Greenfield, countryside locations may not help in reducing the need to travel by car.
<b>Cultural Heritage</b>						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	+	+	+	+	+	Most of the Borough's statutory historic assets are in the urban areas as are all of the conservation areas thus focussing development outside the urban areas has the potential to limit harm to these assets.
<b>Economy</b>						
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.	+	+	+	+	+	New residential developments will contribute jobs to the local economy.
<b>Landscape</b>						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	--	--	--	--	--	Greenfield developments outside of the urban areas have the potential to harm landscapes.
<b>Material Assets</b>						
8). Reduce waste creation and disposal.	-	-	-	-	-	New developments will create more waste.
9). To ensure the prudent use of resources.	--	--	--	--	--	Focus outside of urban areas would not optimise the use of previously developed land or increase residential densities of urban areas.
<b>Population and Human Health</b>						
10). Improve health and	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
reduce health inequalities.						
<b>Social Factors</b>						
11). Provide decent housing for all.	++	++	++	++	++	Option does not explicitly set out that it will help to provide a range of houses but this would be part of new housing provision.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.	-	-	-	-	-	New developments in the countryside may not ensure access to services.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
15). Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Soil</b>						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	--	--	--	--	--	This option would not minimise the use of greenfield land and is unlikely to reduce the quantity of derelict and contaminated land.
<b>Water</b>						
18). Use water efficiently and minimise water pollution.	-	-	-	+	-	New development will make use of more water but new developments can be more water efficient.
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.	-	-	-	-	-	Greenfield land offers natural flood storage flooding. However, greenfield sites could provide habitat creation or connect blue corridors.

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**Summary**

Option 3 is to locate new residential development in non-Green Belt areas. The option scores generally negatively across those SA objectives where there is a relationship. Negative effects are predicted due to new housing being located in greenfield locations outside of the urban areas, and one positive effect is predicted for the same reason. The only positives are through the provision of new housing.

## Question 17

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option 1 – Set out that use class E and use classes A4 and A5 (as was) are acceptable uses.</b>						
Air						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Biodiversity						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Climatic Factors						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Cultural Heritage						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Economy						
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.	++	++	++	++	++	Would lead to a diversification of the town centres, allow a mix of uses and create a range of jobs in a sustainable location.
Landscape						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Material Assets						
8). Reduce waste creation and disposal.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
9). To ensure the prudent use of resources.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
Population and Human Health						
10). Improve health and reduce health inequalities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Social Factors						
11). Provide decent housing for all.	+	+	+	+	+	Government has recently announced that, subject to some caveats, uses in class E can change to a residential use.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.	++	++	++	++	++	This use class can offer a range of different jobs and includes medical or health services and town centre locations offer easy and equitable locations.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
15). Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.	+	+	+	+	+	Use class E includes indoor sport, recreation or fitness uses.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Soil						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Water						
18). Use water efficiently and minimise water pollution.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

## Summary

Option 1 for the town centres is to set out that use class E and use classes A4 and A5 (as was) are acceptable uses. There are no obvious links between the majority of the SA objectives because the option is so specific to retail and other uses in Bedworth and Nuneaton town centres. No negative effects have been found and positive effects found against five of the SA objectives, with significant effects on the economy and access to services.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option 2 - Set out that use class E are acceptable uses but not use classes A4 and A5 (as was).</b>						
<b>Air</b>						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Biodiversity</b>						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Climatic Factors</b>						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Cultural Heritage</b>						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Economy</b>						
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.	+	+	+	+	+	Would lead to a diversification of the town centres, allow a mix of uses and create a range of jobs in a sustainable location but would prohibit uses previously sought in the town centres and which are an important part of a town centre's vibrancy.
<b>Landscape</b>						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Material Assets</b>						
8). Reduce waste creation and disposal.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
9). To ensure the prudent use of resources.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
Population and Human Health						
10). Improve health and reduce health inequalities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Social Factors						
11). Provide decent housing for all.	+	+	+	+	+	Government has recently announced that, subject to some caveats, uses in class E can change to a residential use.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.	++	++	++	++	++	This use class can offer a range of different jobs and includes medical or health services and town centre locations offer easy and equitable locations.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
15). Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.	+	+	+	+	+	Use class E includes indoor sport, recreation or fitness uses.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Soil						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Water						
18). Use water efficiently and minimise water pollution.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

## Summary

Option 2 for the town centres is to set out that use class E are acceptable uses but not use classes A4 and A5 (as was). There are no obvious links between the majority of the SA objectives because the option is so specific to retail and other uses in Bedworth and Nuneaton town centres. No negative effects have been found and positive effects found against five of the SA objectives, with significant effects on access to services.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option 3 - Set out that use classes E and F1 are acceptable uses.</b>						
<b>Air</b>						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Biodiversity</b>						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Climatic Factors</b>						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Cultural Heritage</b>						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Economy</b>						
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.	++	++	++	++	++	Would lead to a diversification of the town centres, allow a mix of uses and create a range of jobs in a sustainable location
<b>Landscape</b>						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Material Assets</b>						
8). Reduce waste creation and disposal.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
9). To ensure the prudent use of resources.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Population and Human Health</b>						
10). Improve health and	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
reduce health inequalities.						
<b>Social Factors</b>						
11). Provide decent housing for all.	+	+	+	+	+	Government has recently announced that, subject to some caveats, uses in class E can change to a residential use.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.	++	++	++	++	++	This use class can offer a range of different jobs and includes medical or health services and town centre locations offer easy and equitable locations. F1 is learning and non-residential institutions which could additionally add these facilities in easy to reach town centre locations.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
15). Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.	+	+	+	+	+	Use class E includes indoor sport, recreation or fitness uses.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Soil</b>						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Water</b>						
18). Use water efficiently and minimise water pollution.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

## Summary

Option 3 for the town centres is to set out that use classes E and F1 are acceptable uses. There are no obvious links between the majority of the SA objectives because the option is so specific to retail and other uses in Bedworth and Nuneaton town centres. No negative effects have been found and positive effects found against five of the SA objectives, with significant effects on the economy and access to services.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option 4 - Set out that use class E and C3 (residential) uses are acceptable.</b>						
<b>Air</b>						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Biodiversity</b>						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Climatic Factors</b>						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Cultural Heritage</b>						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Economy</b>						
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.	++	++	++	++	++	Would lead to a diversification of the town centres, allow a mix of uses and create a range of jobs in a sustainable location.
<b>Landscape</b>						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Material Assets</b>						
8). Reduce waste creation and disposal.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
9). To ensure the prudent use of resources.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Population and Human Health</b>						
10). Improve health and	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
reduce health inequalities.						
Social Factors						
11). Provide decent housing for all.	++	++	++	++	++	Government has recently announced that, subject to some caveats, uses in class E can change to a residential use. However, explicitly setting out that residential uses are acceptable in the town centres would improve the scoring.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.	++	++	++	++	++	This use class can offer a range of different jobs and includes medical or health services and town centre locations offer easy and equitable locations.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
15). Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.	+	+	+	+	+	Use class E includes indoor sport, recreation or fitness uses.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Soil						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Water						
18). Use water efficiently and minimise water pollution.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

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**Summary**

Option 4 for the town centres is to set out that use class E and C3 (residential) uses are acceptable. There are no obvious links between the majority of the SA objectives because the option is so specific to retail and other uses in Bedworth and Nuneaton town centres. No negative effects have been found and positive effects found against five of the SA objectives, with significant effects on the economy, providing decent housing, and access to services.

## Question 19

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option A – Remove any designations of primary and secondary frontages.</b>						
Air						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	-	-	-	-	-	The purpose of the primary and secondary frontages is to ensure there is sufficient land available in town centres to provide for the identified need to A1-A5 uses. By doing this, there is a negative effect in terms of allowing any uses to be in the urban areas.
Biodiversity						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Climatic Factors						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Cultural Heritage						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Economy						
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.	+	+	+	+	+	Would lead to a diversification of the town centres, allow a mix of uses and create a range of jobs in a sustainable location. But by not designating the extent of the town centre, in effect, this could dilute the dominance of the town centres as the primary location for retail.
Landscape						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Material Assets						
8). Reduce waste creation	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
and disposal.						
9). To ensure the prudent use of resources.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Population and Human Health						
10). Improve health and reduce health inequalities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Social Factors						
11). Provide decent housing for all.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
15). Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Soil						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Water						
18). Use water efficiently and minimise water pollution.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

### Summary

Option A for the town centres is to remove any designations of primary and secondary frontages. There are no obvious links between the vast majority of the SA objectives because the option is so specific to uses in Bedworth and Nuneaton town centres. Where an effect has been found there is one negative effect and one positive effect.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option B - Reassess and redraw the extent of the primary and secondary frontages.</b>						
<b>Air</b>						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	+	+	+	+	+	The purpose of the primary and secondary frontages is to ensure there is sufficient land available in town centres to provide for the identified need to A1-A5 uses. By doing this, there is a positive effect in terms of allowing uses to be in the urban areas. Redrawing the scale of the frontages may reduce or increase the effect of this but at this stage this is unknown and thus it remains the same scale of effect as Option C.
<b>Biodiversity</b>						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Climatic Factors</b>						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Cultural Heritage</b>						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Economy</b>						
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.	+	+	+	+	+	Would lead to a diversification of the town centres, allow a mix of uses and create a range of jobs in a sustainable location. By continuing to set out the extent of the town centres this could help retain these areas as the primary location for retail around which other appropriate uses are allowed.
<b>Landscape</b>						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Material Assets</b>						

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
8). Reduce waste creation and disposal.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
9). To ensure the prudent use of resources.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Population and Human Health						
10). Improve health and reduce health inequalities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Social Factors						
11). Provide decent housing for all.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
15). Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Soil						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Water						
18). Use water efficiently and minimise water pollution.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

## Summary

Option B for the town centres is to reassess and redraw the extent of the primary and secondary frontages. There are no obvious links between the vast majority of the SA objectives because the option is so specific to uses in Bedworth and Nuneaton town centres. Where an effect has been found there are two positive effects.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
<b>Option C - Retain the designation of primary and secondary frontages as set out in current Borough Plan.</b>						
<b>Air</b>						
1). Increase use of public transport, cycling and walking.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
2). Ensure development is primarily focused in urban areas.	+	+	+	+	+	The purpose of the primary and secondary frontages is to ensure there is sufficient land available in town centres to provide for the identified need to A1-A5 uses. By doing this, there is a positive effect in terms of allowing uses to be in the urban areas.
<b>Biodiversity</b>						
3). To protect and enhance the natural environment, habitats, species, landscapes, and inland waters.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Climatic Factors</b>						
4). Reduce and minimise the Borough's contribution to the causes of climate change.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Cultural Heritage</b>						
5). To conserve and enhance the historic environment.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Economy</b>						
6). Achieve a strong, stable, and sustainable economy.	+	+	+	+	+	Would lead to a diversification of the town centres, allow a mix of uses and create a range of jobs in a sustainable location. By continuing to set out the extent of the town centres this could help retain these areas as the primary location for retail around which other appropriate uses are allowed.
<b>Landscape</b>						
7). To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
<b>Material Assets</b>						
8). Reduce waste creation and disposal.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

Sustainability Objective	Short term	Med Term	Long term	Mitigation	Enhancement	Appraisal Comments
9). To ensure the prudent use of resources.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Population and Human Health						
10). Improve health and reduce health inequalities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Social Factors						
11). Provide decent housing for all.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
12). Ensure easy and equitable access to services, facilities, jobs, and learning.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
13). Reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
14). Address poverty and disadvantage.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
15). Improve participation in the borough's cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
16). Encourage the creation and sustenance of well-designed, high quality built environments.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Soil						
17). To protect and improve soil quality.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
Water						
18). Use water efficiently and minimise water pollution.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.
19). Avoid building on areas which are at risk from flooding and natural flood storage areas.	?	?	?	?	?	There is no obvious link between this option and this objective.

## Summary

Option C for the town centres is to retain the designation of primary and secondary frontages as set out in current Borough Plan. There are no obvious links between the vast majority of the SA objectives because the option is so specific to uses in Bedworth and Nuneaton town centres. Where an effect has been found there are two positive effects.

## APPENDIX D: Responses received on SA Scoping Report

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BPSA1	Arbury Estate				A	Appendix A sets out plans, policies and programmes that have been reviewed in relation to the scoping exercise. Many of the reports referred to appear out of date, for example the Landscape Character Assessment (2011) and Retail and Leisure Study (2014). These are only examples, and there are many more reports that are out of date. We ask the Council to publish details on reports they consider out of date and their intended approach to updating evidence base. It is important that this updated evidence base is produced so that the impact of development of the allocations within the currently adopted Borough Plan can be suitably considered.	These remain the most recent available documents. As part of the Issues and Options consultation the need for updated evidence is tackled. No changes.	These remain the most recent available documents. As part of the Issues and Options consultation the need for updated evidence is tackled.	None.
BPSA1	Arbury Estate				B	Appendix B: Baseline data tables sets out the data that will be used to inform the SA as it progresses. We request that the Council reviews the reliability and validity of this data in light of some of the data being many years old. In particular we have concern that data is taken from the 2011 census, without		The data remains the most recent, the 2021 census data is not available. May 2020 is when the data published in	None.

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						consideration that 2021 census data will become available prior to adoption of the Borough Plan review. It is also the case that much of the data that is listed as having been accessed as late as May 2020, when such tables are usually updated more frequently than that. We consider that to ensure all data is as up to date as possible, that it should be accessed closely to the point at which the SA report is produced.		the Scoping Report was accessed not the date when this sort of data was searched for. If there is no newer date it I because there is no newer data.	
BPSA2	Historic England					In respect of the historic environment, we consider that the Report has identified the majority of plans and programmes which are of relevance to the development of the Plan, that it has established an appropriate Baseline against which to assess the Plan's proposals and that it has put forward a suitable set of Objectives and Indicators. Overall, therefore, we believe that it provides the basis for the development of an appropriate framework for assessing the significant effects which this plan might have upon the historic environment.		Noted.	None.
BPSA2	Historic England	5 to 9				The lists of PPP omits some key historic environment related items. HE welcomes the inclusion of Historic Landscape	Include reference to the following: International/	Agree.	Update list.

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						Character information and Conservation Area Management Appraisals	European: The Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe; The European Convention on the Protection of Archaeological Heritage National: Ancient Monuments & Archaeological Areas Act 1979; relevant Historic England GPA's and HEAN's		
BPSA2	Historic England	17 to 18				HE welcomes the SA objective relating to cultural heritage. It is noted that the terminology used is not linked to NPPF wording in relation to the historic environment and it is recommended that this be amended. In addition, it would be worth considering whether there are any opportunities for the historic environment through additional indicators – HE's Heritage Counts information may be able to assist with this: <a href="https://historicengland.org.uk/res">https://historicengland.org.uk/res</a>	Objective – revise wording to read 'conserve and enhance' instead of protect and enhance; Criteria - revise wording to read 'conserve and enhance' instead of protect and enhance;	Agree.	Update text.

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						earch/heritage-counts/	Consider whether there are any opportunities for the historic environment through additional indicators.		
BPSA2	Historic England	18				HE welcomes the SA objective relating to landscape and that Historic Landscape Characterisation information will be used to inform the SA and Plan review process.		Noted.	None.
BPSA2	Historic England	28				HE welcomes the SA objective relating to cultural heritage. It is noted that the terminology used is not linked to NPPF wording in relation to the historic environment and it is recommended that this be amended. It is also recommended that designated and non-designated assets (including NPPF footnote 63 archaeology) are specified, in addition to setting, as the SA progresses	Objective – revise wording to read 'conserve and enhance' instead of protect and enhance. Make specific reference to designated and non-designated heritage assets and setting as the SA and Plan progress.	Noted.	None.
BPSA2	Historic England			4		It is not clear how the SA will consider the impacts of any potential site allocations in relation to the historic environment, heritage assets or setting through the proposed	Clarify methodologies and any additional work relating to the historic	Chapter 5.0 sets out the sustainability appraisal methodology and this will	None.

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						seven point scale. If the generic seven point scale approach is pursued as an overarching assessment this will need to be made clear in the next iteration of the SA, and we would recommend that supplementary work is undertaken through a heritage topic paper including site assessment work based on the five step approach contained in HEAN 3: <a href="https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/historic-environment-and-site-allocations-in-local-plans/">https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/historic-environment-and-site-allocations-in-local-plans/</a>	environment/cultural heritage in next iteration of the SA.	be used to assess any sites for allocation. Specific details on sites will be gathered if and when necessary commensurate with that suggested in HEAN 3.	
BPSA2	Historic England			4	B	It is recommended that the Council considers whether there are any opportunities for the historic environment through additional indicators – HE's Heritage Counts information may be able to assist with this: <a href="https://historicengland.org.uk/research/heritage-counts/">https://historicengland.org.uk/research/heritage-counts/</a> and also whether there are opportunities to identify for the Conservation Areas and buildings at risk, including HAR, that are already identified in the table. It is apparent that there is a lack of comment in the 'comments/gaps' column which may indicate that there is a gap in this assessment information. We would be happy to discuss further with you in due course if	Seek opportunities for conserving and enhancing the historic environment/cultural heritage through further consideration of existing data sets and whether other indicators could be included in the SA considerations to inform the Plan as it progresses.	Between the SA and the Borough Plan there is a surfeit of indicators that are proving onerous to collect. Opportunities will be sought to rationalise these.	None.

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