

# **APPENDIX A – LOCAL PLAN ALLOCATIONS SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL**

## Appendix A Amendments to SA Framework

Revised Objective in SA Framework	Local Plan Strategy SA Objective	Reasons for Changes
1. To promote biodiversity protection, enhancement and management of species and habitats.	B. To promote biodiversity and Geodiveristy through the protection, enhancement and management of species and habitats.	The Geodiveristy element has been incorporated into SA Objective 2. To enable a clear distinction between the scope of each indicator.
2. To promote and enhance the rich diversity of the natural archaeological/geological assets, and landscape character of the District.	A. To maintain and enhance landscape and townscape quality. <b>Landscape Element.</b> B. To promote biodiversity and Geodiveristy through protection, enhancement and management of species and habitats. <b>Geodiveristy element.</b> C. To protect and enhance buildings, features and areas of archaeological, cultural and historic value and their setting. <b>Archaeological Element</b>	SA objective two pulls to together the natural landscape elements enabling linkages which have in the previous SA been split. This amendment will avoid both duplication and provide clarity in regard to assessment.
3. To protect and enhance buildings, features and areas of archaeological, cultural and historic value and their setting.	C. To protect and enhance buildings, features and areas of archaeological, cultural and historic value and their setting.	No changes made apart from creating a number reference number.
4. Create places, spaces and buildings that are well designed, integrated effectively with one another, respect significant views and vistas, and enhance the distinctiveness of the local character.	A. To maintain and enhance landscape and townscape quality.	The separation of Landscape and Townscape assessment better reflects the scope of the Local Plan Strategy. In addition, creating a separate design objective will enable townscape to be assessed as a whole leading to high quality design.
5. Maximise the use of previously developed land/buildings and the efficient use of land.	A. To maintain and enhance landscape and townscape quality.	Objective included to reflect accurately the Local Plan Strategy.

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6. Reduce the need to travel to jobs and services through sustainable integrated patterns of development, efficient use of existing sustainable modes of transport and increased opportunities for non-car travel.	G. To improve availability of sustainability of sustainable transport options to jobs and services. I. To create mixed and balanced communities.	Wording amended to enable scope of indicator to include the need to travel which was previously measured through Detailed Criteria in Objective I. The amended wording enables the link between development patterns and transport infrastructure to also be established.
7. To reduce, manage and adapt to the impacts of climate change.	D. To mitigate and adapt to the effects of Climate Change	Wording amendment to enable the reduction element to be included within the assessment which then better reflects the scope of the Local Plan Strategy, Allocations and supporting Supplementary Planning Documents.
8. To minimise waste and increase the reuse and recycling of water materials.	E. To encourage prudent use of natural resources	The Original Sustainability Objective E is now reflected in the following focused indicators 5, 8 and 9.
9 Seek to improve air, soil and water quality.	E. To encourage prudent use of natural resources.	The Original Sustainability Objective E was generic. Sustainability Objective 9 has a clear specific scope.
10 To reduce and manage flood risk.	F. To reduce flood risk	Wording amendment to enable scope to include 'manage flood risk'.
11 To provide affordable homes that meet local need.	I. To create mixed and Balanced communities	The Original Sustainability Objective I was generic. Sustainability Objective 11 has a clear specific scope.
12 To improve services and access to services to produce good health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities.	K. To improve the health of the population.	Wording amendments to reflect both access to healthcare and wider wellbeing.

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13 To promote safe communities, reduce crime and fear of crime.	J. To promote safe communities, reduce crime and fear of crime.	No changes made apart from creating a number reference.
14 Improve opportunities for prosperity and economic growth.	I. To create mixed and balanced communities H. To encourage sustainable distribution and communication systems.	Economic Impact was assessed in the Original Sustainability Indicator through the combination of two cross cutting indicators. Creation of a focused indicator is reflective of the Local Plan Strategy and will enable robust assessment of impact.
15 To enhance the vitality and viability of existing, city, town and village centres within the district.	A. To maintain and enhance landscape and townscape quality. I. To create mixed and balanced communities	Not included in any detail in the Local Plan Strategy Sustainability Indicators scope. Added to reflect Local Plan Strategy.
16 Increase participation and improve access to education, skills-based training, knowledge and information, and lifelong learning.	N/A	No previous SA indicator, Detailed Criteria or Suggested Target or indicator recognises education education/skills and its link to economic sustainability. Whilst baseline indicators illustrate Lichfield District performs well in regard to educational attainment, the Economic Development Strategy 2016/2020 for the district confirms that access to skills and education is fundamental achieving sustainable economic development.

Note Objective: **Sustainable Objective L: To enable improved community participation**, which was assessed against the following **Detailed Criteria** has not been incorporated into the amended Sustainability Objectives.

- 51 Will it empower all sections of the community to participate in decision-making and the impacts of those decisions?
- 52 Will it improve community capacity to enable engagement in community enterprise?
- 53 Is there a framework for engagement with communities, including novel approaches to reach particular groups/sectors?

**Justification**

In broad terms the amended Sustainability Objectives have been written within the context of the adopted Local Plan Strategy, Neighbourhood Plans and a recently adopted Statement of Community Involvement. Each of these documents provide for and facilitate for engagement in the Plan-making and Decision-taking processes. In addition a review of the baseline data did not identify excluded communities who may require tailored intervention.

**Original SA Objectives**

A. To maintain and enhance landscape and townscape quality.	J. To promote safe communities, reduce crime and fear of crime.
B. To promote biodiversity and geodiversity through protection, enhancement and management of species and habitats.	K. To improve the health of the population
C. To protect and enhance buildings, features and areas of archaeological, cultural and historic value and their setting.	L. To enable improved community participation.
D. To mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change.	
E. To encourage prudent use of natural resources.	
F. To reduce flood risk.	
G. To improve availability of sustainability of sustainable transport options to jobs and services.	
H. To encourage sustainable distribution and communication systems.	
I. To create mixed and balanced communities.	

