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As the Scoping Report for the Affordable Housing SPD was published and consulted on as part of a wider Scoping Report document for other SPDS, some of the comments were not relevant to this SPD. These have been omitted from the table below.

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Consultation Question Number	Consultee	Representation	Response
Task A1			
Q1/Q2	Environment Agency	Recommends the inclusion of the Stour Catchment Abstraction Management Strategy into Task A1	This has been amended and included in the SA
Q1/Q2	Natural England	Task A2 should include the BAP and Kent BAP.	This has been amended and included in the SA
Q1/Q2	Kent County Council	Recommends changes to the LDF, SA objectives	Consistency through the SA appraisal process is key. Where the Council has felt it necessary to amend and update SA Objectives these have been clearly stated in the SA.
Q1/Q2	Kent County Council	Recommends further documents for Task A2 1) Kent Minerals Development Framework 2) Regional Minerals Strategy 3) Local Transport Plan for Kent 2006 - 2011 4) Vision for Kent (Kent's Community Strategy) 5) Kent Environmental Strategy 6) PPG 15 and 7) PPG 16.	This has been amended and included in the SA
Q1/Q2	Kent County Council	SPD - Appendix H identifies sustainability objectives, developed as part of core strategy SA process. A number of amendments are suggested and addition of new objectives.	Amendments have been made to the SA objectives and were consulted on in October 2007
Q1/Q2	Kent County Council	Recommends additions:- 1 - Raise educational achievement and skills training. 2- create and sustain vibrant communities that encourage engagement in cultural activity. 3 - maintain and improve air quality. 4 - maintain and improve water quality.	Amendments have been made to the SA objectives and were consulted on in October 2007
Q1/Q2	Southern Water	No comments to add at this stage of Ashford's Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report	
Task A2			
Q3	Environment Agency	Query raised as to why included listed buildings in biodiversity section of summary of Baseline information	Change made to Baseline table

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Q3	Environment Agency	Suggests Appendix D SA themes are not consistent with the SA Framework themes. Under Appendix D - Soil, section 7 water both suggest that residential space and layout may be affected by flood risk problems. Relevant especially in buildings in flood risk areas, including conversions, change of use etc.	Amendments have been made to the SA objectives and were consulted on in October 2007
Q3	Environment Agency	Support the level of information given over to the water quality of Ashford District.	
Q4	Environment Agency	There is little quantifiable data to support the creation of the green and blue grid.	Change made to baseline table
Q4	Environment Agency	There is little quantifiable data relating to groundwater, or flood risk.	Change made to baseline table
Task A3			
Q6	Environment Agency	Appendix D - The sustainability appraisal themes in table for task A3 are not consistent with the sustainability appraisal framework themes.	Amendments have been made to the SA objectives and were consulted on in October 2007
Q6	Kent County Council	Agree with key sustainability issues. Recommends new themes should be identified e.g. transport and accessibility etc.	Amendments have been made to the SA objectives and were consulted on in October 2007
Q7	Environment Agency	No additional comments	
Q7	Kent County Council	SPD suggestions: for Water & Soil, Population & Human Health and Air.	Changes made to baseline table
Task A4			
Q8	Natural England	The sustainability criteria could relate more directly with the sustainability issues for each document.	Amendments have been made to the SA objectives and were consulted on in October 2007
Q9	Natural England	There are no targets and indicators identified for the criteria and suggest these should be specific to the SPD.	Monitoring and targets have been incorporated in this SA report.
Task A5			
Q10/Q11	Natural England	No comments	