

## Appendix C - Scoping Report Consultation Responses

| Consultee  | Comment  | SA Response   |
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| English Nature   | Supports the general approach of the SA of the AAP   |   |
|  | Query on why information outlined in the LDF SA/SEA Scoping Report has not been referred to.                 | The baseline section refers to baseline information specific to the town centre and the sources of more detailed information have been signposted.  |
|  | Proposed Appraisal Framework seems different from the one used for the LDF.                                  | A series of appraisal matrices were employed throughout the LDF and the Greater Ashford Development Framework SEA/SA process. It was deemed appropriate that this more focused matrix be used for the TCAAP. Slight amendments were introduced to ensure the matrix is specific to the town centre. |
|  | No indicators and targets  | Indicators have been added.<br><br>Targets will be developed on completion and endorsement of the targets outlined in the Core Strategy Preferred Option SEA/SA. Reference to this has been added.  |
|  | Need for study area to be clearly highlighted in figure 1.1  | Noted. New map inserted   |
|  | Refer to the Nature Conservation Framework for Ashford   | Not in the public domain at present. Consultants have requested copy from ABC   |
|  | The river Stour is a site of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCI) - this should be highlighted in the report. | Noted. Reference made in the baseline section   |
|  | Compare Ashford against South East averages for water quality  | Noted. South East comparators added   |
| Biodiversity issues should be given more attention in the issues table (3.1)   | Noted. Specific biodiversity issues have been introduced   |   |
| Long-term management of areas of nature conservation interest will be required                                       | Noted. Recommendation referring to the long term management of nature conservation areas has been added      |   |
| Biodiversity has interrelationships with water, climatic factors, air and human health                               | Noted. Added to table 3.1  |   |
| Provide maps highlighting issues/problems relating to biodiversity   | Maps to be added once consultants have received copy of the Nature Conservation Framework for Ashford        |   |
| Water consumption issues, maintaining flows in the Stour and water quality issues need to be recognised in table 3.1 | Noted. References added  |   |

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|                           | Under the heritage section in table 5.1 need to clarify if the criteria relates to heritage or nature conservation                       | Noted. Table refers to heritage conservation |
| <b>English Heritage</b>   | No comments to date  |  |
| <b>Countryside Agency</b> | Acknowledgment of receipt of the Scoping Report. No comments.  |  |
| <b>Environment Agency</b> | Telephone acknowledgement of receipt of the Scoping Report. EA sent through the Ashford Integrated Water Management Study for reference. |  |