



**Urban Sites & Infrastructure (USI)**

Development Plan Document

**Chilmington Green Area Action Plan (CHG)**

Development Plan Document

**Tenterden and Rural Sites (TRS)**

Development Plan Document

**COMBINED  
SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL  
SCOPING REPORT**

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## 1.0 Consultation

The Government have designated the Environment Agency, English Heritage and Natural England (formerly Countryside Agency and English Nature) as “authorities with environmental responsibilities”<sup>1</sup>. These agencies must be consulted by plan making authorities on the content of the Scoping Report and SEA requirements. The regulations also specify that the consultation bodies are to be given a period of 5 weeks to respond from the date when they receive the Scoping Report. The Scoping Report will also be sent out to other stakeholders that the Council believe have a valuable input and interest in the DPDs being prepared. Guidance on consulting with these bodies is given in the ODPM Guidance. The complete list of consultees is listed below.

Table 1 List of Consultees	
Environment Agency	Mid-Kent Water Ltd
English Heritage	Southern Water
Natural England	House Builders Federation
Government Office for the South East	Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce
South East England Regional Assembly	Dover District Council
Kent County Council	Maidstone Borough Council
Learning & Skills Council	Shepway District Council
Housing Corporation	Canterbury City Council
Ashford Primary Care Trust	CABE
Ashford's Future	

### How to respond to this consultation

The Combined Scoping Report for the suite of DPDs will be the subject of consultation from **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2007 - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007**.

Responses will be accepted in writing by letter, fax or email.

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<sup>1</sup> Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004

## Consultation Questions

The Consultation questions are set out in Table 2. These are repeated later in the relevant sections of this document. When making your comments please make sure that you make reference to the DPD that you are making your comment about.

Table 2 Consultation Questions	
TASK A1 - Identifying other relevant policies, plans and programmes, and sustainable development objectives	
Q1	Have all relevant plans and programme been consulted?
Q2	Are there other relevant policies, plans and programmes and sustainable development objectives that will affect or influence these DPDs (other than those set out in Appendix A and preceding SA reports)?
TASK A2 - Collecting baseline information	
Q3	Do you agree that the baseline data collected (Appendix B) is appropriate to the DPDs?
Q4	Do you have, or know of, any additional relevant baseline data which should be added to that already listed?
Q5	Are you aware of any inaccuracies in the data presented?
TASK A3 - Identifying sustainability issues	
Q6	Do you agree that these are the key sustainability issues that need to be considered in the development of the DPDs?
Q7	Are there any additional sustainability problems or opportunities in the Ashford area that need to be considered in the development of the DPDs?
TASK A4 - Developing the Sustainability Appraisal Framework	
Q8	Do you agree that these are the key sustainability issues for the DPDs?
Q9	Are there any additional sustainability problems or opportunities that need to be considered in the development of the DPDs?
TASK A5 - testing the DPD Objectives against the LDF SA Framework	
Q10	Do you agree with the draft objectives of the DPD?
Q11	Are there any other sources of interaction between the DPDs objectives and the sustainability objectives in addition to those identified?

## 2.0 Abbreviations, Tables and Figures

### List of Abbreviations

Table 3 - Abbreviations	
ABC	Ashford Borough Council
AIWMS1	Ashford Integrated Water Management Study, Phase One
BAP	Biodiversity Action Plan
EA	Environment Agency
IRF	Integrated Regional Framework
DPD	Supplementary Planning Document
LDF	Local Development Framework
SA	Sustainability Appraisal
PPS	Planning Policy Statement
PPG	Planning Policy Guidance
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment

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## 3.0 Context and Purpose of the SEA/SA

### 3.1 Introduction

This COMBINED SA Scoping Report for the *Urban Sites & Infrastructure (USI)*, *Chilmington Green Area Action Plan (CHG)*, and *Tenterden & Rural Sites (TRS)* DPD is the first output of the SA process and DPD preparation. It forms part of the wider Sustainability Appraisal framework devised for the Local Development Framework, these can be found on our website [www.ashford.gov.uk/planning](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/planning). A Sustainability Appraisal report will be prepared to accompany the Draft DPD.

### 3.2 Background to Sustainability Appraisal

New regulations require that the Ashford Local Development Framework, which is being produced to replace the existing local plan, must be subject to both Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) requires SAs to be carried out on Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents (DPDs). SAs help planning authorities to fulfil the objective of contributing to the achievement of sustainable development in preparing their plans through a structured assessment of the objectives and core strategies against key sustainability issues for their area.

The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations (2004) which implement European Directive 2001/42/EC, known as the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive, requires SEA of a wide range of plans and programmes, including LDFs. The objective of the SEA Directive is to provide for a high level of protection of the environment and to contribute to the integration of environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans, with a view to promoting sustainable development.

SEA and SA are very closely linked. SA aims to integrate sustainability issues into decision making by appraising the plan or strategy using environmental, social and economic objectives. SEA also aims to facilitate sustainable development but its emphasis is on integrating environmental considerations into decision making through a thorough analysis of environmental issues.

Although the requirement to carry out both an SA and SEA is mandatory, it is possible to satisfy the requirements of both pieces of legislation through a single appraisal process. The Government has produced guidance for both undertaking SEA generally<sup>2</sup> and for SA on Development Plan Documents<sup>3</sup> in particular which sets out details how SA and SEA should be integrated into one process. The appraisal process for the DPDs therefore

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<sup>2</sup> "A Practical Guide to the Strategy Environmental Assessment Directive" (ODPM, 2005)

<sup>3</sup> Sustainability Appraisal of Regional Spatial Strategies and Local Development Documents (ODPM, 2005)

incorporates the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act and the SEA Regulations.

The Act requires local development documents, to be prepared with a view to contributing to the achievement of sustainable development. The most widely accepted definition of sustainable development is: "*Development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs*". At the start of the SA process of Ashford's LDF the principle sustainable development objectives were taken from the 1999 Better Quality of Life Strategy, however in 2005 the Government prepared the UK Sustainable Development Strategy<sup>4</sup>. These both contained a number of key principles:-

A Better Quality of Life (1999)	UK Sustainable Development Strategy (2005)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective protection of the environment</li> <li>• Social progress</li> <li>• Prudent use of natural resources, and</li> <li>• Economic growth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable consumption and production</li> <li>• Climate change</li> <li>• Natural Resource protection</li> <li>• Sustainable communities.</li> </ul>

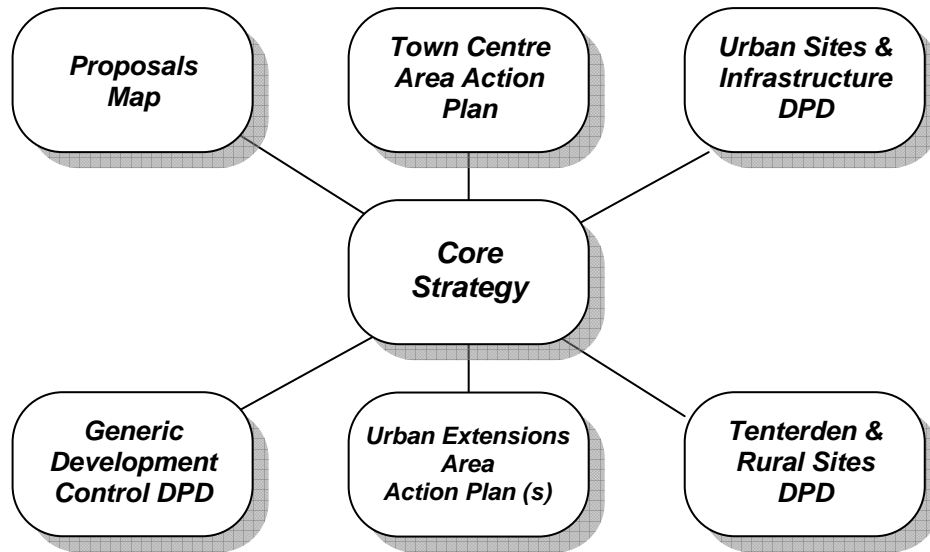
### 3.3 The Ashford Local Development Framework

The Ashford LDF is the emerging development plan for Ashford. LDFs are the new form of spatial development plan introduced by the Government's planning reforms in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004). The LDF will replace the existing local plan. The new LDF will set out the strategy for the way in which land is used and to guide new development in the Borough for the period up to 2021.

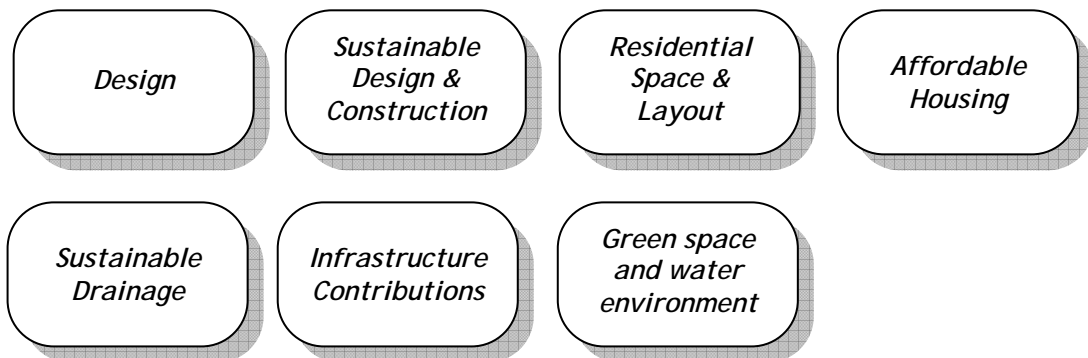
The LDF will consist of a portfolio of documents. Central to this portfolio is the Core Strategy DPD, which sets out the overall vision for future development in the Borough and is the basis for other Local Development Documents (LDD). Other planned DPDs include:

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<sup>4</sup> Securing the Future - UK Sustainable Development Strategy, 2005



Supplementary Planning Documents as indicated in the Local Development Scheme (2006) include:-



The Council's LDF Sustainability Appraisal objectives were developed as part of the Core Strategy Sustainability Appraisal. These will be used to test DPD objectives and options against to ensure conformity with the parent document.

#### Local Development Framework Sustainability Objectives

- 1 Enhancement of biodiversity and improvement of habitat richness
- 2 Reduce the proportion of journeys made by the private car, and promote more sustainable modes of transport
- 3 Maintain and enhance the quality of Ashford's landscape
- 4 Retain and promote sites of heritage and conservation importance
- 5 To make the most efficient use of land in all new development
- 6 To reduce the risk of flooding
- 7 Provide the ability to withstand impacts of climate change
- 8 To encourage high design quality and an appropriate "sense of place" in new buildings

- 9 To ensure that everyone has access to good quality affordable homes that meets their needs.
- 10 To reinforce the attractions of Ashford Town centre by encouraging a wide range of uses for the resident and the visitor.
- 11 To ensure that all groups of the population have access to the health, education, leisure and recreation services which are required in terms of provision and access.
- 12 To reduce the amount of crime and anti-social behaviour across the Borough.
- 13 Promote thriving mixed-use development.
- 14 To maximise brownfield land development
- 15 To avoid previously undeveloped land in the floodplain
- 16 Minimise irreversible loss of high-grade agricultural land
- 17 To reduce the amount of waste produced and maximise the rates of recycling other materials
- 18 To encourage the use of renewable resources and the provision of renewable energy within the Borough.
- 19 To reach a balance between employment and housing growth
- 20 To generate a significant number of new jobs in accessible locations in Ashford
- 21 To enable a variety of quality employment opportunities in Ashford
- 22 To maintain and enhance the vitality and viability of village and town centre,

### 3.4 Purpose and status of this report

The SEA Regulations require that the consultation bodies<sup>5</sup> shall be consulted when deciding on the scope and level of detail of the information that must be included in the Environmental Report - this being the main written output from the SEA/SA process.

Scoping is the first task in this process. It consists of deciding the scope and level of detail to be included in the SA, including the sustainability effects and options which need to be considered, the assessment methods used, and the structure and contents of the SA Report.

The Scoping Report will also be made available to a wider group of consultees than those required by statute, so that the subsequent assessment can take account of issues raised from a wider spectrum of consultees. This will be particularly important when looking at the social and economic issues which fall outside the remits of the environmental bodies.

This Scoping Report relates Stage A of the process outlined in the latest ODPM guidance. Future tasks relate to Stages B to E. Within this scoping report the draft DPD objectives will be tested against the SA framework at the earliest opportunity to identify potential conflicts.

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<sup>5</sup> Environment Agency, Natural England and English Heritage- This report is being prepared in line with the requirements of Part 3 (6) of the SEA Regulations which states that: "*When deciding on the scope and level of detail of information that must be included in the Report (sic. Environmental) the responsible authority shall consult the consultation bodies.*"

<b>Table 4 The SA Process of a Development Plan Document</b>	
<b>DPD Stage 1: Pre-production - Evidence gathering</b>	
Stage A: - Setting the context and objectives, establishing the baseline and deciding on the scope	
A1	Identifying other relevant policies, plans and programmes, and sustainable development objectives
A2	Collecting baseline information
A3	Identifying sustainability issues and problems
A4	Developing the SA framework
A5	Consulting on the scope of the SA
<b>Stage 2: Production</b>	
Stage B: Developing and refining options and assessing effects	
B1	Testing the DPD objectives against the SA framework
B2	Developing the DPD options
B3	Predicting the effects of the DPD
B4	Evaluating the effects of the DPD
B5	Considering ways of mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects
B6	Proposing measures to monitor the significant effects of implementing the DPD
Stage C: Preparing the Sustainability Appraisal Report	
C1	Preparing SA Report
Stage D: Consulting on the preferred options of the DPD and SA Report	
D1	Public participation on the SA Report and the draft DPD
D2(i)	Appraising significant changes
<b>DPD Stage 3 : Examination</b>	
D2(ii)	Appraising significant changes resulting from representations
<b>DPD Stage 4 : Adoption and monitoring</b>	
D3	Making decisions and providing information
Stage E : Monitoring the significant effects of implementing the DPD	
E1	Finalising aims and methods for monitoring
E2	Responding to adverse effects

The timetable for the production of these DPDs is set out in the Local Development Scheme (as updated 2006). The timetable for both documents is as follows:-

Table 5 Timetable for DPD preparation			
Stage	Urban Sites & Infrastructure	Chilmington Green	Tenterden & Rural Sites
Preferred Options	September 2007	January 2008	September 2007
Submission	March 2008	June 2008	March 2008
Adoption	April 2009	July 2009	April 2009

### 3.5 Structure of the Scoping Report

The matters addressed in this Scoping Report are those described in the ODPM consultation paper stage A (as indicated above). The particular tasks involved are set out in Table 5 below along with where they can be located within this scoping report.

Table 6 Structure of the Scoping report		
Stage A: - Setting the context and objectives, establishing the baseline and deciding on the scope		
A1	Identifying other relevant policies, plans and programmes, and sustainable development objectives	Appendix A
A2	Collecting baseline information	Appendix B
A3	Identifying sustainability issues and problems	Appendix D - F
A4	Developing the SA framework	Appendix C
A5	Testing the DPD Objectives against the SA Framework	Appendix D - F
A6	Consulting on the scope of the SA	Section 1.0

The SA Scoping Report has brought forward Task B1 from the SA guidance into the scoping report so that the draft objectives of the DPDs can be consulted on and conflicts raised at an early stage in the process. Objectives will be re-appraised in light of consultation responses and as part of DPD Stage 2.

## TASK A1

### IDENTIFICATION OF OTHER RELEVANT PLANS POLICIES PROGRAMMES AND SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES

**(i) Aim**

The SEA Directive requires that the SEA/SA should provide information on the plan's relationship with other relevant plans, policies and programmes.

**(ii) Method**

A review of new and relevant plans, programmes and strategies will take place at the start of every LDD and SA. This scoping report outlines those new and relevant plans, programmes and strategies that have come forward since the preparation of the LDF Core Strategy Scoping Report<sup>6</sup>. A review of relevant plans, programmes and strategies has previously been undertaken as part of the Core Strategy Issues and Options Stage in 2004. This review helped up-date the "Handbook for Change"<sup>7</sup> which details the full range of sustainability issues and environmental, social and economic priorities in Ashford. The Handbook for Change and the Core Strategy Issues and Options Scoping Report were subject to statutory consultation.

**(iii) Output**

Appendix A contains details of those relevant PPPs that have come forward since the Core Strategy Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.

#### Consultation Question

Q1	Have all relevant plans and programmes been consulted?
Q2	Are there other relevant policies, plans and programmes and sustainable development objectives that will affect or influence these DPDs (other than those set out in Appendix 1)?

<sup>6</sup> As defined in Annex 1 (a) of the SEA Directive

<sup>7</sup> Ashford's Capacity: A Handbook for Change, Halcrow, December 2001- subsequent up-date by SEA Team 2004. This report presents the outcome of the Quality of Life Capital Approach, identifying capacity thresholds and issues to help define growth.

## TASK A2

### BASELINE DATA ASSEMBLY

#### (i) Aim

The SEA Directive requires a significant level of understanding of the baseline environment; as defined in Annex 1 (b), 1 (c) and 1 (d), in order to inform both the appraised plan and future stages of the SEA/SA.

The baseline information helps to inform the appraisal of the DPD and helps to identify sustainability issues and problems in Ashford. This section focus's on the baseline data specific to the DPDs being prepared, more detailed baseline information for the Borough is detailed in The Core Strategy Sustainability Appraisal (October 2006) and the "Handbook for Change" (updated 2003). Establishing the economic, social and environmental baseline characteristics for the DPDs being prepared provides the basis for establishing the following:

- An understanding of existing sustainability problems in the study area;
- the SEA/SA objectives to reduce these problems; and
- to establish the effects of the DPD.

This baseline stage requires the collection and processing of large amounts of raw data. The section outlines the key issues arising from the baseline analysis of the DPDs and is set out according to individual SEA/SA topics.

#### (ii) Method

A significant amount of baseline data had already been collected as part of the Handbook for Change and Sustainability Appraisal of the Greater Ashford Development Framework and LDF Core Strategy. In particular, the 'Handbook for Change' identifies the full range of baseline information, trends and sustainability issues using the Quality of Life Methodology. This asks "What Matters & Why?" in Ashford, considering current trends in respect of those benefits and services which are most valued as well as identifying where particular problems exist. Furthermore, these issues identified in the Handbook have already been the subject of extensive consultation with more than 150 stakeholders in Ashford. It was considered that by building on the work already undertaken, the baseline data, which underpins the SA, could be strengthened and enhanced.

Baseline data was typically supplied in three formats:

- GIS or other statistically displayed formats
- numeric or statistical format
- report format.

The data will be updated as new information becomes available. However data is not always available, especially at the local level and these gaps will be highlighted. Where methods for collecting this data in future are being reviewed, this is noted.

**(iii) Output**

The baseline information that has been collected on Ashford's current position in environmental, social and economic terms is presented in the Handbook for Change; Appendix B & D - F outlines additional baseline data relevant to the DPDs being prepared. In many cases the data collected as part of previous Sustainability Appraisal work is appropriate.

**Consultation questions**

Q3	Do you agree that the baseline data collected (Appendix B and D - F) is appropriate to these DPDs?
Q4	Do you have, or know of, any additional relevant baseline data which should be added to that already listed?
Q5	Are you aware of any inaccuracies in the data presented?

## TASK A3

### IDENTIFYING SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES

#### (i) Aim

The SEA Directive requires that the existing environmental and sustainability issues are identified and taken into account. The aim of this task is to identify all of the issues potentially affecting Ashford and these DPDs that will need to be addressed to achieve development that is more sustainable.

#### (ii) Method

The review of plans and programmes affecting the borough, the collation and up-dating the environmental baseline data informed the identification of a series of environmental problems or issues that could be addressed by, or affect the strategies and measures developed in these DPDs. Such issues, problems and opportunities have been confirmed through:

- Ashford's Capacity : A Handbook for Change (December 2001)
  - SEA/SA of the Greater Ashford Development Framework
  - SEA/SA of the Core Strategy
  - Analysing baseline data and trends
  - Tensions/ inconsistencies with other plans, programmes and sustainability objectives
- Consultation on this Scoping Report may identify further issues or amend those already identified.

#### (iv) Output

The key sustainability issues identified for Ashford are set out in detail within the Ashford's Capacity: A handbook for Change (2001) (Updated 2003). The SA of the Core Strategy DPD set out the overarching sustainability issues that will need to be addressed further in LDDs. A further analysis of the baseline for each of the DPD's has taken place and the key sustainability issues and opportunities for each DPD are set out in Appendix D - F.

#### Consultation Questions

Q6	Do you agree that these are the key sustainability issues for the DPDs?
Q7	Are there any additional sustainability problems or opportunities that need to be considered in the development of the DPDs?

## TASK A4

## Developing the SA framework

**(i) Aim**

Current guidance<sup>8</sup> on SEA/SA of land use and spatial plans advocates the use of objectives in the appraisal process. The identification of objectives forms the basis for the appraisal. It provides the starting point for ensuring that both the SEA/SA and sustainability issues are at the heart of and are fully integrated into the DPD as well as providing a focused and clarified approach to appraising the Area Action Plan

In order to facilitate legibility and ease of understanding and use, the sustainability objectives and criteria have been set out in the form of an Appraisal Framework, outlined below. For consistency across the LDF and previous SEA/SA stages the appraisal of the emerging DPDs will be broadly based, with minor tweaks to ensure the appraisal framework is directly relevant to the topics of the DPDs, on the Appraisal Framework adopted for the Ashford Core strategy.

**(ii) Method**

Similar to the Core Strategy SA Report, the DPDs will be assessed against their ability to satisfy key themes as set out in 'Better Quality of Life'<sup>9</sup>, of :

- Social progress which recognises the needs of everyone;
- Effective protection of the environment;
- Prudent use of natural resources;
- Maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth and employment.

An additional "Transport" section has been included as transport issues are considered critical to future development in Ashford.

The sustainability criteria have been arranged according to themes and set out in a matrix, which will be used as the basis for the assessment of the DPD. The matrix enables the DPD to be assessed against the sustainability appraisal criteria. This facilitates legibility and transparency of the appraisal process. The broad sustainability effects of the DPD will be assessed, predictions made about the effects of the DPD on the sustainability criteria. The performance of the DPD will be assessed using a six point scale as follows:

Sustainable Appraisal Framework					
Objective	Criteria	Indicators	Targets	Predicted effects	Comments/Mitigation
Protection of the environment					
Social progress					
Prudent use of natural resources					
Economic Growth					
Transport					
Appraisal scale					
++	Significant positive effect		+	Positive effect	
0	Neutral (no effect)		?	Effect uncertain	
-	Negative effect		--	Significant negative effect	
<p>As part of the LDF SA process 22 Strategic Sustainability Appraisal Objectives were also developed (see Section 2). This enables the DPD to be assessed against the objectives of the LDF.</p> <p>(i) <b>Output</b></p> <p>The appraisal framework is set out in Appendix C.</p>					
Consultation Questions					
Q8	Do you agree with the proposed SA framework? Are objectives, targets and indicators appropriate?				
Q9	Should any other Objectives, Indicators or Targets be added or should any be removed.				

**TASK A5****TESTING THE DPD OBJECTIVES AGAINST THE LDF SA FRAMEWORK****A) Aim**

In order to ensure that the objectives of the DPD are in accordance with sustainability principles, the draft objectives of each DPD will be tested against the LDF Sustainability Appraisal objectives (as shown in TASK A4 - Appendix D - F). This process will highlight where objectives are compatible with each other and highlight any areas which are incompatible with each other. Where this exercise leads to the identification of possible sources of conflict, consideration can then be given to ways in which they can be avoided or mitigated.

This task has been brought forward to the SA Scoping Report stage to bring any conflict issues earlier on in the process of preparing the DPD. If amendments are made to the objectives these will be appraised in the next stage.

**B) Method**

The DPD objectives have been tested against the sustainability objectives by means of a compatibility matrix. The matrix presents the results of considering each objective against the LDF sustainability objectives.

**E) Output**

The results of this appraisal can be seen in Appendices D - F.

**Consultation Questions**

Q10	Do you agree with the draft objectives of the DPD?
Q11	Are there other sources of interaction between the document's objectives and the sustainability objectives in addition to those identified?

## 6.0 Next Steps

The scoping report sets out the baseline information on the borough, plans and policies influencing the production of the DPD, and current sustainability issues that are facing the borough and the sustainability framework for assessing the DPD. The comments made on this document will be taken into account when developing the DPD options, and in which to test the emerging DPD and the options contained within. If required, further assessment of the options will be undertaken, along with any updates of baseline data, plans, policies and programmes. Future stages of the SA process include: -

### **Stage B: Refining options and assessing the effects of the DPD;**

Firstly, following the consultation responses made on this document the sustainability objectives for the DPD will be re-appraised against the SA Framework, prior to the development of draft options. Options will be developed in consultation with stakeholders to achieve the objectives of the DPD. Options will be appraised and effects predicted. Measure for monitoring the significant effects of the DPD will be developed.

### **Stage C: Documenting the appraisal process in the SEA/SA report;**

The Regulations requires that an environmental report be prepared, and must specifically document:

- How environmental considerations have been specifically integrated into the plan development process, where mitigation measures have been taken on board, and reasons why mitigation measures have not been taken on board; and,
- Background to the selection of the preferred option(s).

### **Stage D: Consultation with the public and statutory bodies; and**

The SEA Regulations set specific requirements for consultation with the Statutory Environmental Bodies, the public and other interested parties. The SA/ Environmental Report will be made available for all these parties so that they can provide a response to the contents of the report. The consultation will also meet the requirements as set out in the adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). This will include the DPD examination stage and any significant changes resulting from representations.

### **Stage E: Monitor the effects of the plan on the environment/sustainability.**

A monitoring strategy will be developed to allow the actual effects of the DPD to be tested against the predicted impacts, enabling significant problems to be identified and tackled over time, and environmental baseline information to be gathered for future plans. The indicators set out in the Appraisal Framework and existing monitoring programmes will form the basis for the monitoring strategy, and will be linked to measuring progress towards the SEA/SA objectives. The monitoring strategy will be strongly linked to existing monitoring mechanisms in the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR). The monitoring strategy may draw heavily on that of the Core Strategy SA Report.