

Consultation Question Number	Consultee	Representation	Response
Task A1			
Q1/Q2	Environment Agency	Recommends the inclusion of the Stour Catchment Abstraction Management Strategy into Task A2	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			Change made to Baseline table
Q3	Environment Agency	Query raised as to why included listed buildings in biodiversity section of summary of Baseline info.	Amendments have been made to the SA objectives and were consulted on in October 2007
Q5	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	Natural England	Ashford's landscape character study would be more appropriate if listed under 'Cultural Heritage & Landscape' than biodiversity.	Change made
Q3	Kent County Council	A table identifying the sustainability objectives to which themes relate would be useful here.	Amendments have been made to the SA objectives and were consulted on in October 2007 - this will clarify this issue.
Q4	Kent County Council	Suggestions for changes on baseline data:- Population and Human Health, to include percentage of affordable housing built, Air, Climatic Factors, Material Assets - percentage of new homes built on previously developed land, Cultural Heritage & Landscape and Social Inclusion.	Changes made
Task A3			Change made to Baseline table
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.	
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.
Q9	Kent County Council	Recommendations include: Social Process - suggested rename 'Social Inclusion' to reflect term ensuring that everyone has access to good quality sustainable homes. Minimise loss of high grade agricultural land. Reduce waste and maximise recycling opportunities. A new theme could be added to capture sustainability objectives relating to a sense of place.	Social Progress term has been maintained to ensure consistency with national objectives. Other suggestions have been incorporated in the changes consulted on in October 2007.
Task A5			
Q10/Q11	Natural England	No comments	
Q10	Environment Agency	Commentsd 'Testing the Design DPD'? and not SPD. The matrix tests the DPD objectives against the LDF instead of the SAF.	Objectives were tested against the LDF objectives at the scoping stage, a further assessment against the SA objectives has taken place in this document.