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SA Objectives Detailed Criteria / Guidance			Timescale			Comments / Explanation (cumulative and synergistic effects)
			Short	Med	Long	
Protection of the environment						
1	Geology and Biodiversity :- Enhancement of biodiversity and geology and improvement of habitat richness.	<p>1.1 Will it avoid direct or indirect or cumulative impacts on designated sites and local designations for nature conservation?</p> <p>1.2 Will it avoid impacts on protected habitats and species?</p> <p>1.3 Is appropriate provision for replacement habitat of at least equivalent size and value where impacts cannot be avoided?</p> <p>1.4 Will it create new habitats and improve the incidence and diversity of species?</p> <p>1.5 Will it improve the linkages between habitats and species rich areas?</p> <p>1.6 Will it enable managed access to natural areas? Will it facilitate increased appreciation of Ashford's natural heritage?</p>				
2	Flood Risk :- To reduce the risk and vulnerability of flooding and protect the capacity and integrity of flood storage areas	<p>2.1 Will it result in a loss of retention capacity, increase run-off or be at risk from flooding?</p> <p>2.2 Will it provide enhanced flood</p>				

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		storage capacity / measures?				
3	Air :- To improve atmospheric integrity and air quality	3.1 Will it address sustainable transport issues which will result in reduced emissions?				
4	Landscape :- Maintain and enhance the quality of Ashford's landscape	4.1 Will it respect and enhance the character of Ashford's historic and cultural assets? 4.2 Will it enhance and respect the character and setting of Ashford's cultural environment? 4.3 Will it reinforce the distinctive quality of the natural topography and existing landscape and built character of Ashford?				
5	Climate Change: To stabilise climate change through the reduction of emissions, and withstand the unavoidable consequences.	5.1 Will it promote reduced energy demand and enhanced energy efficiency in the layout and design of new buildings? 5.2 Will it reduce transport emissions? 5.3 Will it incorporate robust and weather resistant built forms?				
6	Water : - To protect and enhance of ground and surface waters and improve quality.	6.1 Will it maintain and improve ground and/or surface water quality? 6.2 Will it reduce water consumption?				
Social Progress						
7	Places : - To promote thriving	7.1 Will it promote the cultural potential of Ashford's public spaces?				

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	mixed-use development of a high design quality, with an appropriate 'sense of place'.	7.3 Will it ensure that community facilities are maintained in the long term?				
8	Housing :- To ensure that everyone has access to a good quality sustainably constructed affordable home that meets their needs	8.1 Does it provide a range of housing types and tenure, including affordable and key worker housing?				
9	Quality of Life :- To reduce the amount and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour and encourage healthy lifestyles	9.1 Will it minimise crime and fear of crime and enhance safety and security?				
10	Heritage :- Conserve and enhance sites of heritage and conservation importance	10.1 Will it respect and enhance the character and setting of Ashford's historic & cultural assets? 10.2 Will it improve access to Ashford's historical and cultural assets?				
11	Access to Services :- To ensure that all groups of the population have access to the health, education, leisure and recreational services which are required in terms of provision and access, to reduce social exclusion.	11.1 Will it improve everyone's access to high quality health, housing, education, recreation and community facilities? 11.2 Will it enhance the town centre through the provision of community, cultural and education facilities and programmes? 11.3 Does it provide adequate provision of educational & learning facilities?				
Prudent use of natural resources						

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12	Land use : - To make the most efficient use of land and the use of previously development land and buildings and reduce Greenfield land use.	13.1 Does it prioritise the development of brownfield land? 13.2 Does it achieve increased densities? 13.3 Will it limit the loss of soils in development?				
13	Resources :- To encourage the use of local renewable resources and the provision of decentralised sustainable energy within the Borough	14.1 Will it include measures which promote a sustainable energy supply for Ashford? 14.2 Will it protect mineral reserves? 14.3 Will it increase the use of renewable and recycled materials in buildings and infrastructure? 14.4 Will it increase the use of materials with a lower environmental impact?				
14	Waste : - To deliver waste reduction, reuse, recycling and recovery over the disposal of waste.	15.1 Will it increase the reduction, re-use, recycling and recovery of waste?				
Sustainable Economic Growth						
15	Balance : To reach a balance between employment and housing growth, with high and stable levels of income	15.1 Will it ensure a balance between employment and housing growth? 15.2 Will it include measures to stimulate local economic growth and sustain indigenous industry? 15.3 Will it increase inward investment in Ashford, through flexible employment land?				

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		15.4 Will it strengthen Ashford' links with regional ports and airports?				
16	Employment :- To generate a significant number of new jobs in accessible locations in Ashford	16.1 Will it improve Ashford's economic performance and contribution to regional competitiveness? 16.2 Will it help to generate a significant number of new jobs in accessible locations?				
17	Vitality : - To maintain and enhance the vitality and viability of village and town centre.	17.1 Will it promote local agriculture? 17.2 Will it stimulate investment in the town centre? 17.3 Will it promote the tourism economy by developing visitor attractions?				
18	Variety :- To promote economic diversity, growth and self sufficiency	18.1 Will it include a range of business premises? 18.2 Will it promote economic links between Ashford town centre, the Greater Ashford Area and surrounding market towns and rural areas?				
Transport						
19	Travel : - To facilitate modal shift and improve access to green spaces.	19.1 Will it increase the accessibility of the town from the regional road network? 19.2 Will it reduce traffic congestion on local strategic routes?				
20	Transport : Reduce the	20.1 Will it enable public transport use by				

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	proportion and length of journeys made by the private car, and promote more sustainable modes of transport (including public)	all sectors of the population?				
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