

Appendix I: Statement on Compliance with SEA Directive & Regulations

The EU SEA Directive¹ (Annex 1) requires certain information to be provided in the Environmental Report. This requirement is implemented into UK legislation through the SEA Regulations (2004)². This is Appendix I of the Integrated (Sustainability) Report that constitutes the Environmental Report as required by the SEA Directive and the UK SEA Regulations.

This Appendix I sets out how the requirements for SEA have been met and signposts where this information is found in the Sustainability Appraisal Report (August 2020) accompanying the Stratford-on-Avon Site Allocations Plan Preferred Options –and in accordance with paragraph 32 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2019)³.

SEA Directive & Regulation Requirements	SA Report Section	Summary of Contents
An outline of the contents, main objectives of the plan and relationship with other relevant plans	Section 1 Introduction	Sets out the main sections of the Stratford-on-Avon Site Allocations Plan (SAP) Preferred Options.
	Section 3 Context & Baseline	Summarises the relationship with other relevant plans and the implications for the Stratford-on-Avon SAP.
The relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without the implementation of the plan	Section 3 Context & Baseline	Summarises the relevant baseline conditions for sustainability (including the state of relevant environmental aspects) in the Stratford-on-Avon District, and likely evolution without the Plan.
The environmental characteristics of the area likely to be affected	Section 3 Context & Baseline	Summarised in Section 3 of Main Report.
Any existing environmental problems which are relevant to the plan including, in particular, those in relation to any	Section 3 Context & Baseline	Summarises existing sustainability (including environmental problems) for the Stratford-on-Avon District.

¹ <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eia/sea-legalcontext.htm>

² <http://www.parliament.uk/documents/post/postpn223.pdf>

³ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

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areas of a particular environmental importance		
The environmental protection objectives relevant to the plan and the way those objectives and any environmental considerations have been taken into account during its preparation	Section 2 SA Methods Section 3 Context & Baseline	Provides the summary of objectives for sustainability in the Stratford-on-Avon District (including environmental objectives) and the implications of these objectives for the Stratford-on-Avon SAP. Detailed SA Framework guiding assessment of effects against the Objectives.
The likely significant effects on the environment including on issues such as biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climatic factors, material assets, cultural heritage including architectural and archaeological heritage, landscape and the interrelationship between the above factors. These effects should include secondary, cumulative, synergistic, short, medium and long-term permanent and temporary, positive and negative effects	Section 2 SA Methods Table 2.1	Presents the SA Framework of objectives that shows which of the issues listed by the SEA Regulations are progressed by which objectives. This ensures that all of the issues are considered during the assessment of each element of the Stratford-on-Avon SAP. All strategic options, policies and site options are assessed against SA objectives.
	Section 5 & 6 Appendices III to XII	Summarises the likely significant effects of implementing the Stratford-on-Avon SAP with details provided in the appendices. Where possible, an indication is given of whether the effect is likely to be cumulative, short, medium and long term.
The measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan	Section 5 & 6 Appendices III to XII	Where potential significant negative effects are predicted the SA has sought to provide suggestions for mitigation possibilities. These are provided in Section 5 of the Report and in the detailed appraisal matrices (appendices).
An outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with, and a description of how the assessment was undertaken including any difficulties encountered in compiling the required information	Sections 2, 4 & 5 Appendix III, VII, VII, IX & XII	Reasoning outlined in Section 5. SA of options for defining BUABs in Appendix III; Scenarios X-Y & A-H in Appendix VII; Amber site options for proposed Policy SAP.1 in Appendix VIII; Scenarios 1-5 in Appendix IX; options for self-build & custom housebuilding in Appendix XII.

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	Sections 2 & 3 Methods & Context, Baseline	Outlines how the assessment was undertaken – the appraisal methodology and difficulties encountered in compiling information are noted.
A description of the measures envisaged concerning monitoring	Section 7	Provides measures proposed for monitoring the sustainability (and environmental) effects of the implementation of the Stratford-on-Avon SAP.
A non-technical summary of the information provided under the above headings	Report preface (available separately)	Provides a non-technical summary.