

Appendix 4
Screening and ‘Appropriate assessment’ of the Pre-submission Core Strategy Policies

Key

- A policy will have **no effect at all or only positive effects** on the SAC
- B policy will have **no significant adverse effect (alone or in combination)** on the SAC
- C policy could be likely to have a **significant effect alone** on the SAC
- D policy could be likely to have a **significant effect in combination** on the SAC
- E policy would have **uncertain effects** on the SAC that should be addressed in a **lower tier assessments including proposal specific appropriate assessment**
- F impact on the SAC depends on **how the policy is implemented**

Policy	Possible impact pathways	Screening: Potential impacts	Screening: risks to the River Mease SAC	Appropriate assessment: Potential for identified impact to be mitigated	Appropriate assessment: Post mitigation risk to River Mease SAC
<u>Policy CS1a</u>	<u>This policy requires that policy is followed in making development management decisions in the district. The aim is to promote sustainable development. The policy should ensure the application of policies.</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>A</u>
Policy CS1 District Housing Provision	This policy provides the overall housing number for the district up to 2031. It gives no detail of the quantity of development directed to each area. Therefore the likelihood of impacts cannot be predicted.	Potential for significant impacts although this will depend on the distribution of growth and implementation.	C	Mitigation will be through <u>the choice of sites for housing delivery-implementation of policy CS1 and where housing is delivered, the ,as well as</u> implementation of other <u>planning</u> policies and <u>the way that</u> how development is delivered. Site by sites <u>specific</u> mitigation may be necessary for specific site allocations or development proposals. <u>Further HRA is likely to be required of the Sites and Allocations Development Plan Document.</u> All proposals will need to meet the criteria as set out in CS33.	A

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Policy CS2 District Employment Provision	This policy provides the overall provision of employment land for the district up to 2031. It gives no detail of the quantity of development directed to each area. Therefore the likelihood of impacts cannot be predicted.	Potential for significant impacts although this will depend on the distribution of growth and implementation.	C	Mitigation will be through the choice of sites for employment delivery, implementation of policy CS2 and where employment is delivered, as well as implementation of other <u>planning</u> policies and the way that 'how' development is delivered. Site specific site mitigation may be necessary for specific site allocations or development proposals. The spatial distribution of employment development should be included in this policy to show the cumulative growth in any one location. All proposals will need to meet the criteria as set out in CS33.	A
Policy CS3 East Midlands Airport	This policy promotes airport related development at East Midlands Airport which is not located within the water catchment area of the SAC. The policy also promotes travel to the airport by means other than the private car, which would benefit the SAC. It is unclear if the airport is supporting increased flights, which would increase air pollution which might have an impact on the site.	No relationship. Not near in the catchment of the River Mease SAC..	A	NA	A

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Policy CS4 Strategic Highway Network Improvements	This policy sets out the strategic highway network improvements within the district, which are mainly outside the buffer area of the SAC. These routes will be used for road travel and therefore contributing to poor air quality and acid deposition, though increased use and expansion of the routes. Air quality is not identified as one of the Mease SAC vulnerabilities. However, improving the road network could encourage more people to use their cars within the District and therefore potentially increase surface water run-off and increased pollution in the River Mease.	Minor or no impacts	A	Surface water run-off from roads should be designed to avoid risk to surface and ground. However, policy CS26 Flood Risk includes reference to surface water runoff from all developments.	A
Policy CS5 Rail Infrastructure	The intent of this policy is to increase the viability of alternatives to car travel in the District. This may have positive implications in relation to reducing car travel and increased surface run-off, creating water pollution.	No relationship no rail development is planned near or in the catchment of the River Mease SAC.	A	NA	A
Policy CS6 Strategic Rail Freight Interchange	The policy supports a national freight line but does not provide any detail of the location of the line. Therefore the likelihood of impacts cannot be predicted.	Potential for significant impacts although this will depend on implementation at a national level	E	All proposals will need to meet the criteria as set out in CS33.	A

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Policy CS7 Location of Development	This policy sets the settlement hierarchy but does not provide any detail of the quantity of development directed to each area. Potential locations of development include Ashby de la Zouch and Measham, as well as several villages in the River Mease waste water catchment. Therefore the likelihood of impacts cannot be predicted.	Potential for significant impacts although this will depend on implementation and the distribution of growth.	E	Mitigation will be through implementation of the choice of development sites-policy CS8 and the distribution of -how much- development to sites around the district. Mitigation will also be through is delivered where, as well as implementation of other <u>planning</u> policies and the way that 'how' development is delivered. Site by sitespecific mitigation may be necessary for specific site allocations or development proposals. The spatial distribution of employment development should be included either in policy CS2 or CS8 in the Core Strategy to give certainty on this distribution. <u>Further HRA is likely to be required of the Sites and Allocations Development Plan Document.</u> All proposals will need to meet the criteria as set out in CS33.	A
Policy CS8 Countryside	This policy sets out the type of development that would be permitted outside urban boundaries. The policy will help protect undeveloped land from development. Development that is permitted will need to conform with the protection policies of the Core Strategy.	Positive	A	All proposals will need to meet the criteria as set out in CS33.	A

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Policy CS9 Development Adjoining Swadlincote	This policy provides for a potential extension to Swadlincote, in South Derbyshire, to be within North West Leicestershire. The criteria states South Derbyshire have to allocate the most sustainable option. This housing would be additional to the housing number identified for North West Leicestershire.	Potential for significant impacts although this will depend on implementation and the distribution of growth.	E	Impact of housing on the SAC, together with the existing housing number for North West Leicestershire, would need to be assessed <u>subject to HRA screening and further assessment if necessary</u> , once work has been completed by South Derbyshire on housing need for Swadlincote for preferred location. Mitigation will be through <u>full</u> implementation of <u>planning</u> policy, <u>including policy criteria of this policy</u> . Site <u>specific</u> mitigation may be necessary for specific site allocations or development proposals. All proposals will need to meet the criteria as set out in CS33.	A

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Policy CS10 Meeting the Development Needs of Business	This policy sets to allocate 58-60 ha of employment land but does not identify the sites or locations. It gives no detail of the quantity of development directed to each area. Therefore the likelihood of impacts cannot be predicted.	Potential for significant impacts although this will depend on the distribution of growth and implementation.	E	Mitigation will be through implementation of <u>this</u> policy CS10 and where the choice of employment is delivered sites , as well as implementation of other policies and how the way that development is delivered. Site by site mitigation may be necessary for specific site allocations or development proposals. The spatial distribution of employment land should be included in this policy to show the cumulative growth in any one location. <u>Further HRA is likely to be required of the Sites and Allocations Development Plan Document.</u> All proposals will need to meet the criteria as set out in CS33.	A
Policy CS11 Education and Training in Connection with New Developments	This policy promotes education and training for local people through major new developments, which will be supported by a Supplementary Planning Document.	No relationship	A	NA	A

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Policy CS12 Town and Local Centres	This policy sets the hierarchy of retail centres in the District, but does not provide any detail of the quantity of development directed to each centre. These centres are within existing settlements. The potential impacts on the River Mease SAC site are unknown.	Low likelihood of impact.	E	Mitigation will be through implementation of policy CS12 and how much retail is delivered, as well as implementation of other policies and 'how' development is delivered. Site by site mitigation may be necessary for specific site allocations or development proposals. Further HRA is likely to be required of the Sites and Allocations Development Plan Document. All proposals will need to meet the criteria as set out in CS33.	A
Policy CS13 Rural Economy	This policy sets out the restrictions for permitting employment use in rural locations. The policy will help protect undeveloped land from development. Development that is permitted will need to conform with the protection policies of the Core Strategy.	Positive	A	NA	A
Policy CS14 Donington Park	This policy promotes car racing related development at Donington Park which is not located within the buffer of the SAC.	No relationship	A	NA	A
Policy CS15 Distribution of Housing	This policy provides the housing numbers for specific locations within the District, some of which would directly impact on the River Mease SAC.	Potential for significant impacts although this will depend on implementation.	C	Mitigation will be through implementation of policy. Site by site mitigation may be necessary for specific site allocations or development proposals. All proposals will need to meet the criteria as set out in CS33.	A

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Policy CS16 Housing Density	This policy sets minimum standards principles for the density at with new residential density should be delivered. It should help to make the best use of available land, protecting greenfield sites. There is the possibility of impacts on the River Mease SAC depending on the choice of sites for development. However, the policy does not set the quantity of new homes to be delivered, only the density. Impacts on the River Mease SAC could potentially increase with an increase of housing depending on the location of the homes.	Potential for significant impacts although this will depend on the distribution of growth and implementation.	E	Mitigation will be through implementation of planning policy. Site by site mitigation may be necessary for specific site allocations or development proposals. The impact will depend on the spatial distribution of housing. Sufficient headroom capacity will need to be available for all housing. All proposals will need to meet the criteria as set out in CS33.	A
Policy CS17 Housing Mix	This policy provides for minimum housing densities for town centre and other locations within the district, of 40dph and 30 dph respectively. The policy sets out that a housing mix to meet local needs should be provided as part of new residential development. It relates to the type of development not the quantity.	No relationship	A	NA	A
Policy CS18 Affordable Housing	This policy does not have a direct impact on the River Mease SAC as it deals only with affordable housing, but this is within the context of the overall amount of housing specified in Policy CS1 and distributed through CS7.	No relationship	A	NA	A

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Policy CS19 Rural 'Exception' Sites for Affordable Housing	This policy does not have a direct impact on the River Mease SAC.	The scale of this type of development means significant impacts are very unlikely	A	NA	A
Policy CS20 Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	The policy does not <u>identify specific sites and therefore will have no direct impacts.</u>	The scale of this type of development means significant impacts are very unlikely	A	NA. If sites are allocated in the River Mease Catchment HRA screening and possibly assessment will be required of the Gypsy and Traveller Sites Allocations Development Plan Document, to identify potential for effects.	A
Policy CS21 Well-Designed Buildings and Places	This policy is broad in its coverage, setting out brief criteria that residential development is required to meet. These criteria include being responsive to context, easy to get around and well-design public spaces. Ultimately this policy should be positive in helping to protect the designated area.	Likely to be positive impacts	A	NA	A
Policy CS22 Infrastructure and Developer Contributions	The policy may have positive implications for the SAC by including the possibility of agreements for contributions to improve sewerage treatment works and subsequently not impacting on water quality.	No relationship	A	NA	A

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Policy CS23 Transport	<p>The policy seeks to locate development in locations with existing services and facilities, in line with the development strategy. Some of these locations, including Measham and Ashby, would have an impact on the SAC, but will depend on the exact location and amount of development proposed.</p> <p>The intent of the remaining part of the policy is to increase use of transport alternative to car travel. This may have positive implications in relation to improving air quality and reduce the amount of pollution in water surface run-off from roads.</p>	Potential for significant impacts although this will depend on the distribution of growth and implementation.	E	<p>Mitigation will be through implementation of <u>other planning</u> policy. Site by-sitespecific mitigation may be necessary for specific site allocations or development proposals.</p> <p>All proposals will need to meet the criteria as set out in CS33.</p>	A
Policy CS24 Climate Change and New Development	This policy does not directly relate to the SAC site.	No relationship	A	NA	A
Policy CS25 Sustainability and New Development	This policy has a direct positive impact to the River Mease SAC.	Positive	A	All proposals will need to meet the criteria as set out in CS33.	A

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<u>Policy CS25a</u> <u>Renewable</u> <u>energy</u>	<u>The policy sets out the broad criteria for determining suitability for sites for renewable energy generation. This includes protection of the natural environment. The impact would depend on the type of renewable energy generation and the location.</u>	<u>Potential for significant adverse impact.</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>The application of the policy to ensure that there are no adverse impact on the natural environment, to include biodiversity, will avoid impacts. Other planning policies on the protection of the SAC will have to be applied when making decisions on the suitability of proposed development. This will be particularly important where the proposal would have an impact on the water environment.</u>	<u>A</u>
Policy CS26 Flood Risk	This policy does not directly relate to the SAC site.	No relationship	A	NA	A
Policy CS27 Ground water Protection and Land Instability	This policy protects the groundwater resources and quality from development impacts.	Positive	A	NA	A
Policy CS28 Strategic Green Infrastructure	This policy relates to the protection and enhancement of multi-functional areas of green space. This policy is likely to be positive for the protection of open space. This policy is unlikely to have an adverse impact on the SAC.	None	A	NA	A
Policy CS29 Open Space, Sport and Recreation	This policy does not directly relate to the SAC site.	No relationship	A	NA	A

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Policy CS30 The National Forest Policy CS31 Charnwood Forest Regional Park	These policies relates to woodland stretching across the whole of the District, including land within the catchment area of the River Mease. This policy does not relate to protection of the SAC, which is protected by another Core Strategy policy, and protected under national policy and legislation.	Positive	A	Supporting text could refer to links to the SAC and need to protect habitat links near the internally designated site.	A
Policy CS32 Biodiversity and Geodiversity Natural Environment	The policy seeks to protect and enhance the natural environment, providing specific natural environment and geological designations which do not include SACs. <u>biodiversity and geodiversity in the district. This includes conserving and enhancing local biodiversity wherever it is found, not only within designated sites.</u>	Positive	A	All proposals will need to meet the criteria as set out in CS33-NA	A

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Policy CS33 River Mease Special Area of Conservation	<p>The policy restricts policy unless there is enough headroom capacity, and therefore means there will be no more impact from new development on water quality. Come developments will need to adhere to Developer Contribution Strategy.</p> <p>It is unclear how improvements will be made to water quality in this location. The policy sets specific measures for the River Mease SAC to mitigate and avoid impacts. This is the main SAC mitigation policy in the Core Strategy and its implementation is vital to meeting Habitats Directive requirements on the protection and enhancement of European Designated nature conservation sites.</p>	Positive or no significant adverse impacts are likely	A	<p>Mitigation could be put in place to help improve the water quality and SAC condition, through developer contributions. Mitigation and impact avoidance measures set out in the policy are essential to avoiding adverse impacts and securing benefits for the River Mease SAC. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring that new development is not permitted in the district where it would exceed headroom capacity at identified Waste Water Treatment Works that discharge to the River Mease. Requirement certain developments to fund or provide infrastructure as part of the Water Quality Management Plan through the Developer Contributions Scheme. <p>To successfully avoid adverse impacts it will also be necessary for the Council to commit to monitoring and plan review where adverse impacts are shown to be occurring. This relates in particular to water quality and headroom capacity monitoring.</p> <p>Where development proposes to use non-mains foul water drainage this must be agreed with the Environment Agency.</p>	A

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Policy CS34 Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment	This policy does not directly relate to the SAC site.	No relationship	A	NA	A
Policy CS35 Coalville Urban Area	The policy relates only to development in Coalville, which is out of the River Mease SAC catchment.	No relationship.	A	NA	A
Policy CS36 Coalville Urban Area Directions of Growth	The policy relates only to development in Coalville, which is out of the River Mease SAC catchment.	No relationship	A	NA	A

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Policy CS37 Ashby de la Zouch	This policy directs a total of 1,400 homes to within the catchment of the River Mease SAC over the plan period. However, only 605 of these still require planning permission. The policy also sets out other types of development that will be required in to support growth and this includes waste water generating uses, such as schools. All new development will have to be served by the Packington Waste Water Treatment works that is nearing capacity.	Significant negative.	C	Proposals are in place to mitigate the impacts of development in Ashby-de-la-Zouch on the River Mease. This will require monitoring of the River Mease water quality and capacity at the Waste Water Treatment works. Where capacity is shown to be reached or where water quality has shown to have deteriorated no further development will be permitted until suitable measures. These include providing additional capacity or alternative solutions to waste water treatment at Packington. Developers will be required to comply with the Developer Contribution <u>Strategy Scheme</u> to identify a long-term solution to the water quality risks. Development proposals may also require site specific appropriate assessment. <u>Policy CS33 needs to be implemented to mitigate potentially significant adverse impacts of development.</u>	E
Policy CS38 Castle Donington	The policy relates only to development in Castle Donington, which is out of the River Mease SAC catchment.	No relationship	A	NA	A
Policy CS39 Ilstock	The policy relates only to development in Ilstock, which is out of the River Mease SAC catchment.	No relationship	A	NA	A

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Policy CS40 Kegworth	The policy relates only to development in Kegworth, which is out of the River Mease SAC catchment.	No relationship	A	NA	A
Policy CS41 Measham	This policy directs a total of 550 homes to within the catchment of the River Mease SAC over the plan period. 440 of these still require planning permission. The policy also sets out other types of development that will be required in to support growth and this includes waste water generating uses, such as schools and health facilities. All new development will have to be served by the Packington Waste Water Treatment works that has limited remaining capacity.	Negative.	C	<p>Proposals are in place to mitigate the impacts of development in Measham on the River Mease. This will require monitoring of the River Mease water quality and capacity at the Waste Water Treatment works. Where capacity is shown to be reached or where water quality has shown to have deteriorated no further development will be permitted until suitable measures. These include providing additional capacity or alternative solutions to waste water treatment at Measham</p> <p>Developers will be required to comply with the Developer Contribution Strategy Scheme to identify a long-term solution to the water quality risks.</p> <p>Development proposals may also require site specific appropriate assessment.</p> <p><u>Policy CS33 needs to be implemented to mitigate potentially significant adverse impacts of development.</u></p>	E

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Policy CS42 Rural Area 	This policy sets out the requirements for delivering development in the rural area. This could include new development in rural villages that are served by waste water treatment works on the River Mease. However, the quantity of development coming forward will be limited and this reduces the risk.	Possible negative	E	Development in parts of the rural area may have an impact on the River Mease SAC. Decisions will have to be made on a site by site basis. This will ensure that there is sufficient capacity in relevant waste water treatment works if it is shown that those supplying the development will drain to the Mease. Developers may be required to contribute to the Developer Contribution Strategy <u>Scheme</u> . In rare circumstance site specific appropriate assessment may be required.	A