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Local Plan Review Sustainability Appraisal Report
(incorporating Equality Impact Assessment and
Health Impact Assessment)**

Appendix C Assessment Tables








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1 Introduction

This appendix presents the assessments of the Policy S1 alternative options (2 to 5). The Policy wording of each option is included within the assessment tables in Section 2 and the differences between the alternative options is discussed within Section 6 of the main SA Report that this appendix accompanies. Option 1 was deemed to be not a reasonable alternative and has therefore not been subjected to SA. This is explained in Section 6 of the main report.

Tables C1.2 and C1.3 present the criteria used within the assessments.

Table C1.1 presents the framework of SA Objectives and Sub-objectives against which the Policy S1 alternative options have been assessed.

Table C1.1: SA Framework

SA Topic	SA Framework	
	Objectives	Sub-objectives
Population & Communities	SA1 Improve the health and wellbeing of the District's population.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable people to make healthy choices through the use of urban design and provision of open space and walking / cycling routes. • Ensure everyone has access to open space and recreation facilities.
	SA2 Reduce inequalities and ensure fair and equal access and opportunities for all residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure all residents have equitable access to health services, taking into account the needs of an aging population. • Ensure all residents have equitable access to education, employment, community services and facilities. • Help ensure all children have access to a local school.
	SA3 Help create the conditions for communities to thrive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure an integrated approach to delivery of housing and community facilities. • Protect existing community facilities and ensure new facilities are built to support the needs of new housing development. • Help improve provision of local services, such as shops, GPs, public transport, and community service provision in the villages of northern North West Leicestershire. • Provide opportunities for residents to mix and meet. • Help design out crime from new development. • Plan for the district in the context of the wider region, including nearby areas of Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.
Housing	SA4 Provide good quality homes that meet local needs in terms of number, type and tenure in locations where it can deliver the greatest benefits and sustainable access to services and jobs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure a sufficient number of dwellings are provided to meet the needs of existing residents changing household size; to reduce commuting, improve access to services and jobs and to match employment growth. • Provide affordable homes of the tenure and size to meet the needs of each part of the District. • Provide market homes to meet needs and to match the economic growth aspirations of the wider area. • Provide homes that meet the lifetime needs of residents.

Table C1.1: SA Framework

SA Topic	SA Framework	
	Objectives	Sub-objectives
Employment & Economy	SA5 Support economic growth throughout the District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide for employment developments which support existing well performing employment sectors, such as storage and distribution and growth sectors including high tech manufacturing. • Support initiatives to improve the tourism and leisure sector, in particular in the National Forest and Charnwood Regional Forest Park. • Protect key existing employment sites from change of use, especially where they support local employment needs. • Support and help protect the rural economy.
	SA6 Enhance the vitality and viability of existing town centres and village centres.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance footfall within town centres and village centres. • Support existing and new services and facilities (e.g. retail, restaurants etc.) within town centres and village centres.
	SA7 Provision of a diverse range of employment opportunities that match the skills and needs of local residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support new employment growth in all areas, including rural locations, where it will help meet a local employment need. • Maintain a diverse employment base, including growing the high skill job sector as well as lower skilled jobs to match the diverse job needs of the workforce.
Transport & Access	SA8 Reduce the need to travel and increase numbers of people walking, cycling or using the bus for their day-to-day travel needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure new development has sustainable transport access to facilities, services and jobs; • Give priority to walkers and cyclists over car users. • Increase cycle use for commuting and access to services, creating direct cycle routes. • Reduce congestion in locations where it impacts on road safety, local amenity, causes severance, or adversely impacts on the economy. • Use development to help secure better public transport for the District, in particular links to nearby rail stations and East Midlands Airport and evening and weekend services.

Table C1.1: SA Framework

SA Topic	SA Framework	
	Objectives	Sub-objectives
Air, Noise & Light Pollution	SA9 Reduce air, light and noise pollution to avoid damage to natural systems and protect human health.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure new and existing communities are not adversely affected by poor quality air and noise pollution, either through their location or through causing a further deterioration as a result of new development. • Avoid exacerbating light pollution by keeping external lighting to the minimum required for safety and security.
Climate Change	SA10 Reduce carbon emissions throughout the District.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support proposals for decentralised (i.e. small and micro renewables) and low carbon energy generation. • Support large scale low carbon grid schemes where appropriately located. • All new development should be built to high energy efficiency standards.
	SA11 Ensure the District is resilient to the impacts of climate change.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow the sequential test in Planning Practice Guidance in the allocation of sites in flood risk areas. • Ensure new development does not exacerbate the risk of flood off-site, for instance through use of sustainable drainage. • Ensure new development is designed and located to be resilient to the impacts of climate_change e.g. hotter summers, wetter winters and more extreme weather events. • Ensure new development contributes to Green Infrastructure within the District, where possible.
Biodiversity & Geodiversity	SA12 Protect and enhance the District's biodiversity and protect areas identified for their nature conservation and geological importance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that development results in a net gain in biodiversity and contribute to the achievement of BAP targets. • Protect sites designated for their nature conservation importance from adverse impacts of development, including the river Mease SAC. • Enhance access to the natural environment, including integrating greater biodiversity into urban areas. • Reduce habitat fragmentation and extend ecological corridors • Protect geological designations from adverse impacts of development. • Ensure that all water courses are achieving at least 'Good' ecological status

Table C1.1: SA Framework

SA Topic	SA Framework	
	Objectives	Sub-objectives
Landscape, Townscape & Land	SA13 Conserve and enhance the quality of the District's landscape and townscape character.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance the character and distinctiveness of the District's landscape. • Help implement objectives for the National Forest and the Charnwood Forest Regional Park. • Enhance townscape character, particularly in Coalville Town Centre. • Enhance the transition for urban to rural at the edge of towns and villages. • Enhance the relationship between new and existing communities • Built design should help in creating vibrant places, making those approaching on foot a priority. • Help deliver built environment improvements though high quality design.
	SA14 Ensure land is used efficiently and effectively.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage development on previously developed land. • Whenever possible protect the best quality agricultural land. • Encourage development at densities which are appropriate to the location and the local environment. • Where land has the potential to be contaminated or is known to be contaminated ensure that suitable investigation and remediation is carried out to bring it back into use. • Protect soil quality and avoid soil pollution. • Avoid the loss of and enhance the natural capital assets of the District.
Cultural Heritage	SA15 Conserve and enhance the character, diversity and local distinctiveness of the District's built and historic heritage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and conserve buildings and structures of recognised historic or architectural interest, and their settings. • Maintain and increase access to cultural heritage assets. • Protect and enhance the local historic environment and ensure new development respects the character of the historic environment. • Respect archaeological remains and protect or record according to guidance.

Table C1.1: SA Framework

SA Topic	SA Framework	
	Objectives	Sub-objectives
Water	SA16 Protect water resources and ensure they are used efficiently.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure developments are designed to a high level of water efficiency. • Ensure surface and groundwater water resources are protected from pollution.
Waste & Minerals	SA17 Ensure the efficient use of natural resources, including reducing waste generation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure new development incorporates space for waste sorting and storage to aid recycling. • Encourage sustainable construction making use of recycled and recyclable building materials. • Ensure the re-use of demolition waste. • Ensure minerals deposits and sites allocated for waste management are not sterilised through inappropriately located development.

Table C1.2: Definition of Assessment Criteria	
Criterion	Description
Significance	An assessment of the significance of the potential effects identified. This could be a positive effect, negative effect, neutral effect, significant positive effect or significant negative effect. The definitions for these effects are detailed in Table C1.3.
Permanent/temporary	An assessment of whether the predicted effects would be permanent (P), or temporary (T).
Reversible/irreversible	An assessment of whether or not the identified effect can be reversed (R) e.g. the loss of greenfield land to development would be irreversible (I).
Spatial extent	How far the effect is predicted to be spread geographically. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low (L) = A specific area within NWLDC boundary • Medium (M) = Across the entire NWLDC boundary, possibly reaching to neighbouring boroughs and districts • High (H) = Beyond the NWLDC Local Plan Boundary, with national or international ramifications
Magnitude	An assessment of the proportion of the receptor affected by the identified effect. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low (L) =20-40% of receptor or capacity affected • Medium (M) = 40-80% of receptor affected • High (H) =80+% of the receptor affected
Duration	An assessment of the time period the predicted effects are likely to last. This could be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short (S)= 0-5 years • Medium (M) = 5-10 years • Long (L)= 10 years or more, up to the end of the Local Plan period (2031)
Direct/Indirect	An assessment of whether the predicted effect will be directly (D) as a result of option implementation, or indirectly (I) caused by the policy option.
Likelihood	An assessment of how likely it is that the implementation of the policy option will lead to the predicted effect. This could be low (L), moderate (M) or high (H).
Cumulative effect	An assessment of whether or not there is potential for a cumulative effect to occur on the SA objective as a result of the policy option working in combination with other circumstances, policies or factors. Y= potential cumulative effect. No potential cumulative effect identified.

Table C1.3: Definitions of Significance Scores		
Symbol	Definitions of Significance of Effects Against the SA Objectives	Assumptions on the nature of effects
++	Significant Positive Effect: the policy option supports the achievement of this objective; it addresses all relevant sub-objectives and could result in a potentially significant beneficial effect e.g. improved access by walking and cycling modes to a local or town centre	Permanent Continual Magnitude: High 80%+ receptor or environmental capacity affected; or Medium 40-80% of receptor or environmental capacity of affected The effect could be to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> enhance and redefine the location in a positive manner, making a contribution at a county, national or international scale; enhance and redefine the location in a positive manner; repair or restore receptors badly damaged or degraded through previous uses; and/or improve one or more key elements/features/characteristics of a receptor with recognised quality such as a specific regional or national designation.
+	Minor Positive Effect: the policy option supports the achievement of this objective; it addresses some relevant sub-objectives, although it may have only a minor beneficial effect	Reversible Infrequent or intermittent Magnitude: Low 20-40% of receptor or capacity affected. The size, nature and location of a proposed scheme would: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> improve undesignated yet recognised receptor qualities at the neighbourhood/district scale; fit into or with the existing location and existing receptor qualities; and/or enable the restoration of valued characteristic features partially lost through other land uses.
0	Neutral Effect: the policy option has no impact or effect and is neutral insofar as the benefits and drawbacks appear equal and neither is considered significant	N/A
?	Uncertain Effect: Uncertain or insufficient information on which	N/A

Table C1.3: Definitions of Significance Scores		
Symbol	Definitions of Significance of Effects Against the SA Objectives	Assumptions on the nature of effects
	to determine the assessment this stage	
-	Minor Negative Effect: the policy option appears to conflict with the achievement of this objective; it does not address relevant sub-objectives and may result in minor adverse effects	Reversible Infrequent or intermittent Magnitude: Low 20-40% of receptor or capacity affected. The size, nature and location of a proposed scheme would: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be out of scale with the location; or • leave an adverse impact on a receptor of recognised quality such as a specific district designation.
--	Significant Negative Effect: the policy option works against the achievement of this objective; it could exacerbate relevant sub-objectives and may result in a potentially significant adverse effect e.g. loss of all or part of a designated ecological site of national importance.	Permanent Irreversible Continual Magnitude: High 80%+ receptor or environmental capacity affected; or Medium 40-80% of receptor or environmental capacity of affected The effect could be to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • permanently degrade, diminish or destroy the integrity of the receptor; • cause a very high quality receptor to be permanently changed and its quality diminished; • cannot be fully mitigated and may cumulatively amount to a severe adverse effect; • be at a considerable variance to the location, degrading the integrity of the receptor; and/or • will be substantially damaging to a high quality receptor such as a specific county or national designation.

2 Assessment of Alternative Policy Options

Table C.1: Assessment of Alternative Policy Option 2

<p>Option 2</p>	<p>Over the plan period to 2031 provision will be made to meet the housing and employment land needs of the district as identified in the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (January 2017).</p> <p>This means that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provision will be made for the development of a minimum of 9,620 dwellings (481 dwellings per annum) which is the Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) and Housing Requirement for the district; • provision will be made for 66 hectares of land for employment purposes (B1, B2 and B8 of less than 9,000sq metres); • Provision will also be made for 7,300sq metres for shopping purposes. <p>The Council will continue to work collaboratively with the Leicester & Leicestershire Housing Market Area (HMA) authorities to establish the scale and distribution of any additional provision that may be necessary in North West Leicestershire and elsewhere in the HMA as a result of the inability of one or more authority to accommodate its own needs as identified in the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment.</p>																
SA topic	SA1	SA2	SA3	SA4	SA5	SA6	SA7	SA8	SA9	SA10	SA11	SA12	SA13	SA14	SA15	SA16	SA17
Significance	0	0	?	++	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
Permanent/ temporary	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	N/A	N/A	N/A
Reversible/ irreversible	N/A	N/A	N/A	I	R	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I	N/A	N/A	N/A
Spatial extent	N/A	N/A	N/A	M	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	L	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table C.1: Assessment of Alternative Policy Option 2

Magnitude	N/A	N/A	N/A	H	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	L	N/A	N/A	N/A
Duration (short, medium, long term)	N/A	N/A	N/A	L	L	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	L	N/A	N/A	N/A
Direct/indirect	N/A	N/A	N/A	D	D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I	N/A	N/A	N/A
Likelihood	N/A	N/A	N/A	H	H	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cumulative effect?	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N
Summary of assessment	<p>A potential significant positive effect of high likelihood has been identified for SA4, as this option should help to deliver housing in the district which meets the Objectively Assessed Need (OAN). The housing context and needs of the wider Housing Market Area (HMA) must also be considered. Thus, a potential significant positive effect has been identified for SA4.</p> <p>Other policies within the adopted Local Plan, such as Policy IF1 Development and Infrastructure, will ensure that the community infrastructure required to support new development is put in place through developer contributions. A sub-objective of SA3 relates to planning for the District in the context of the wider region. This policy option does do this to a certain degree but there is no commitment to timeframe or mechanism for collaboration with neighbouring authorities included within the policy wording. Therefore, an uncertain effect is identified for SA3.</p> <p>A minor positive effect has been identified for SA5, due to the provision of 66ha of employment space for B1, B2 and B8 class uses. This should help to guide employment development to well performing employment sectors.</p> <p>With regards to the potential effects of this option on SA6 and SA7, whilst it is known that there will be 66ha land for employment, it is unclear where the space will be provided, or if this will help to provide jobs which meet local skills and need. However, this uncertainty can be mitigated by Local Plan policies such as Policy Ec2 (new employment sites) which sets out clear criteria new development for employment has to meet and retail policies such as Policy Ec8.</p>																

Table C.1: Assessment of Alternative Policy Option 2

	<p>A potential minor negative effect has been identified in relation to SA14, due to the high number of new dwellings required by this option. This could lead to the development of sites with densities which are not appropriate to the location and the local environment including loss of best quality agricultural land, soil resources and other natural capital assets. For this reason, a potential minor negative effect has been identified.</p>
Cumulative Effect	<p>Potential cumulative effects have been identified in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SA4: A potential significant positive cumulative effect on housing provision which meets the needs of existing residents as a result of changing household size; • SA5: A potential significant positive cumulative effect on economic growth in the District; and • SA14: A potential significant negative cumulative effect on land use resulting in the loss of best quality agricultural land, soil resources and other natural capital resources through the development of the housing and employment uses identified within this policy option.
Mitigation for significant and uncertain effects	<p>SA14: the loss of best quality agricultural land and / or natural capital assets of the District would be unmitigable. However, SA of potential development sites within next iteration of the Local Plan.</p> <p>would look to identify the most sustainable sites for allocation SA3: inclusion of a timeframe and mechanism for collaboration with neighbouring authorities within the policy wording would reduce uncertainty identified in relation to achieving this objective.</p>
Recommended enhancement measures	<p>None</p>

Table C.2: Assessment of Alternative Policy Option 3

<p>Option 3</p>	<p>Over the plan period to 2031 provision will be made to meet the housing and employment land needs of the district as identified in the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (January 2017).</p> <p>This means that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provision will be made for the development of a minimum of 9,620 dwellings (481 dwellings per annum) which is the Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) and Housing Requirement for the district; • provision will be made for 66 hectares of land for employment purposes (B1, B2 and B8 of less than 9,000sq metres) • Provision will also be made for 7,300sq metres for shopping purposes. <p>The Council will continue to work collaboratively with the Leicester & Leicestershire Housing Market Area (HMA) authorities to establish the scale and distribution of any additional provision that may be necessary in North West Leicestershire and elsewhere in the HMA as a result of the inability of one or more authority to accommodate its own needs as identified in the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment. The submission of a replacement Local Plan will follow upon completion of this work.</p>																
SA topic	SA1	SA2	SA3	SA4	SA5	SA6	SA7	SA8	SA9	SA10	SA11	SA12	SA13	SA14	SA15	SA16	SA17
Significance	0	0	?	++	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
Permanent/temporary	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	N/A	N/A	N/A
Reversible/irreversible	N/A	N/A	N/A	I	R	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I	N/A	N/A	N/A
Spatial extent	N/A	N/A	N/A	M	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	L	N/A	N/A	N/A
Magnitude	N/A	N/A	N/A	H	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	L	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table C.2: Assessment of Alternative Policy Option 3

Duration (short, medium, long term)	N/A	N/A	N/A	L	L	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	L	N/A	N/A	N/A
Direct/indirect	N/A	N/A	N/A	D	D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I	N/A	N/A	N/A
Likelihood	N/A	N/A	N/A	H	H	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cumulative effect?	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N
Summary of assessment	<p>A potential significant positive effect of high likelihood has been identified for SA4, as this option should help to deliver housing in the district which meets the OAN. The housing context and needs of the wider HMA must also be considered. Thus, a potential significant positive effect has been identified for SA4.</p> <p>Other policies within the adopted Local Plan, such as Policy IF1 Development and Infrastructure, will ensure that the community infrastructure required to support new development is put in place through developer contributions. A sub-objective of SA3 relates to planning for the District in the context of the wider region. This policy option does do this to a certain degree and includes a commitment to submit a replacement Local Plan following collaboration with neighbouring authorities, however, there is no commitment to a timeframe or mechanism for collaboration. Therefore, an uncertain effect is identified for SA3.</p> <p>A minor positive effect has been identified for SA5, due to the provision of 66ha of employment space for B1, B2 and B8 class uses. This should help to guide employment development to well performing employment sectors.</p> <p>With regards to the potential effects of this option on SA6 and SA7, whilst it is known that there will be 66ha land for employment, it is unclear where the space will be provided, or if this will help to provide jobs which meet local skills and need. However, this uncertainty can be mitigated by Local Plan policies such as Policy Ec2 (new employment sites) which sets out clear criteria new development for employment has to meet and retail policies such as Policy Ec8.</p> <p>A potential minor negative effect has been identified in relation to SA14, due to the high number of new dwellings required by this option. This could lead to the development of sites with densities which are not appropriate to the location and the local</p>																

Table C.2: Assessment of Alternative Policy Option 3	
	environment including loss of best quality agricultural land, soil resources and other natural capital assets. For this reason, a potential minor negative effect has been identified.
Cumulative Effect	<p>Potential cumulative effects have been identified in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SA4: A potential significant positive cumulative effect on housing provision which meets the needs of existing residents as a result of changing household size; • SA5: A potential significant positive cumulative effect on economic growth in the District; and • SA14: A potential significant negative cumulative effect on land use resulting in the loss of best quality agricultural land, soil resources and other natural capital resources through the development of the housing and employment uses identified within this policy option.
Mitigation for significant and uncertain effects	<p>SA14: the loss of best quality agricultural land and / or natural capital assets of the District would be unmitigable. However, SA of potential development sites within next iteration of the Local Plan. would to identify the most sustainable sites for allocation</p> <p>SA3: inclusion of a timeframe and mechanism for collaboration with neighbouring authorities as well as a timeframe for submission of a replacement Local Plan within the policy wording would reduce uncertainty identified in relation to achieving this objective.</p>
Recommended enhancement measures	None

Table C.3: Assessment of Alternative Policy Option 4

<p>Option 4</p>	<p>Over the plan period to 2031 provision will be made to meet the housing and employment land needs of the district as identified in the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (January 2017).</p> <p>This means that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provision will be made for the development of a minimum of 9,620 dwellings (481 dwellings per annum) which is the Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) and Housing Requirement for the district; • provision will be made for 66 hectares of land for employment purposes (B1, B2 and B8 of less than 9,000sq metres) • Provision will also be made for 7,300sq metres for shopping purposes. <p>The Council will continue to work collaboratively with the Leicester & Leicestershire Housing Market Area (HMA) authorities to establish the scale and distribution of any additional provision that may be necessary in North West Leicestershire and elsewhere in the HMA as a result of the inability of one or more authority to accommodate its own needs as identified in the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment. This will be done through a Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) and the submission of a replacement Local Plan will follow upon completion of this work.</p>																
SA topic	SA1	SA2	SA3	SA4	SA5	SA6	SA7	SA8	SA9	SA10	SA11	SA12	SA13	SA14	SA15	SA16	SA17
Significance	0	0	?	++	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
Permanent/temporary	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	N/A	N/A	N/A
Reversible/irreversible	N/A	N/A	N/A	I	R	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I	N/A	N/A	N/A
Spatial extent	N/A	N/A	N/A	M	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	L	N/A	N/A	N/A
Magnitude	N/A	N/A	N/A	H	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	L	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table C.3: Assessment of Alternative Policy Option 4

Duration (short, medium, long term)	N/A	N/A	N/A	L	L	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	L	N/A	N/A	N/A
Direct/indirect	N/A	N/A	N/A	D	D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I	N/A	N/A	N/A
Likelihood	N/A	N/A	N/A	H	H	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cumulative effect?	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N
Summary of assessment	<p>A potential significant positive effect of high likelihood has been identified for SA4, as this option should help to deliver housing in the district which meets the OAN. The housing context and needs of the wider HMA must also be considered, and the requirement for a Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) should also help to ensure that this is carried out in a fair and amenable manner. Thus, a potential significant positive effect has been identified for SA4.</p> <p>Other policies within the adopted Local Plan, such as Policy IF1 Development and Infrastructure, will ensure that the community infrastructure required to support new development is put in place through developer contributions. A sub-objective of SA3 relates to planning for the District in the context of the wider region. This policy option does do this to a certain degree and includes a commitment to establishing a Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) and the submission of a replacement Local Plan but without a timeframe for collaboration with neighbouring authorities. Therefore, an uncertain effect is identified for SA3.</p> <p>A minor positive effect has been identified for SA5, due to the provision of 66ha of employment space for B1, B2 and B8 class uses. This should help to guide employment development to well performing employment sectors.</p> <p>With regards to the potential effects of this option on SA6 and SA7, whilst it is known that there will be 66ha land for employment, it is unclear where the space will be provided, or if this will help to provide jobs which meet local skills and need. However, this uncertainty can be mitigated by Local Plan policies such as Policy Ec2 (new employment sites) which sets out clear criteria new development for employment has to meet and retail policies such as Policy Ec8.</p>																

Table C.3: Assessment of Alternative Policy Option 4

	<p>A potential minor negative effect has been identified in relation to SA14, due to the high number of new dwellings required by this option. This could lead to the development of sites with densities which are not appropriate to the location and the local environment including loss of best quality agricultural land, soil resources and other natural capital assets. For this reason, a potential minor negative effect has been identified.</p>
Cumulative Effects	<p>Potential cumulative effects have been identified in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SA4: A potential significant positive cumulative effect on housing provision which meets the needs of existing residents as a result of changing household size; • SA5: A potential significant positive cumulative effect on economic growth in the District; and • SA14: A potential significant negative cumulative effect on land use resulting in the loss of best quality agricultural land, soil resources and other natural capital resources through the development of the housing and employment uses identified within this policy option.
Mitigation for significant and uncertain effects	<p>SA14: the loss of best quality agricultural land and / or natural capital assets of the District would be unmitigable. However, SA of potential development sites within next iteration of the Local Plan would to identify the most sustainable sites for allocation.</p> <p>SA3: inclusion of a timeframe for collaboration with neighbouring authorities and review of the Local Plan within the policy wording would reduce uncertainty identified in relation to achieving this objective.</p>
Recommended enhancement measures	<p>None</p>

Table C.4: Assessment of Policy Option 5

<p>Option 5</p>	<p>Over the plan period to 2031 provision will be made to meet the housing and employment land needs of the district as identified in the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (January 2017).</p> <p>This means that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provision will be made for the development of a minimum of 9,620 dwellings (481 dwellings per annum) which is the Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) and Housing Requirement for the district; • provision will be made for 66 hectares of land for employment purposes (B1, B2 and B8 of less than 9,000sq metres) • Provision will also be made for 7,300sq metres for shopping purposes. <p>The Council will continue to work collaboratively with the Leicester & Leicestershire Housing Market Area (HMA) authorities to establish the scale and distribution of any additional provision that may be necessary in North West Leicestershire and elsewhere in the HMA as a result of the inability of one or more authority to accommodate its own needs as identified in the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment. This will be done through a Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) and the submission of a replacement Local Plan will take place within 18 months of the date at which the SOCG is agreed by all of the authorities.</p>																
SA topic	SA1	SA2	SA3	SA4	SA5	SA6	SA7	SA8	SA9	SA10	SA11	SA12	SA13	SA14	SA15	SA16	SA17
Significance	0	0	+	++	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
Permanent/temporary	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	P	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	N/A	N/A	N/A
Reversible/irreversible	N/A	N/A	N/A	I	R	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I	N/A	N/A	N/A
Spatial extent	N/A	N/A	N/A	M	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	L	N/A	N/A	N/A
Magnitude	N/A	N/A	N/A	H	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	L	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table C.4: Assessment of Policy Option 5

Duration (short, medium, long term)	N/A	N/A	N/A	L	L	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	L	N/A	N/A	N/A
Direct/indirect	N/A	N/A	N/A	D	D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I	N/A	N/A	N/A
Likelihood	N/A	N/A	N/A	H	H	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cumulative effect?	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N
Summary of assessment	<p>A potential significant positive effect of high likelihood has been identified for SA4, as this option should help to deliver housing in the district which meets the OAN. The housing context and needs of the wider HMA must also be considered within a set timeframe, and the requirement for a SOCG should also help to ensure that this is carried out in a fair and amenable manner. Thus, a potential significant positive effect has been identified for SA4.</p> <p>Other policies within the adopted Local Plan, such as Policy IF1 Development and Infrastructure, will ensure that the community infrastructure required to support new development is put in place through developer contributions. A sub-objective of SA3 relates to planning for the District in the context of the wider region. Unlike the other policy alternative options assessed, this option should achieve this sub-objective with positive effect through the inclusion of the commitment to establishing a SOCG with neighbouring authorities and the submission of a replacement Local Plan within 18 months of the date at which the SOCG is agreed by all of the authorities. Therefore, a potential minor positive effect is identified in respect of SA3.</p> <p>A minor positive effect has been identified for SA5, due to the provision of 66ha of employment space for B1, B2 and B8 class uses. This should help to guide employment development to well performing employment sectors.</p> <p>With regards to the potential effects of this option on SA6 and SA7, whilst it is known that there will be 66ha land for employment, it is unclear where the space will be provided, or if this will help to provide jobs which meet local skills and need. However, this uncertainty can be mitigated by Local Plan policies such as Policy Ec2 (new employment sites) which sets out clear criteria new development for employment has to meet and retail policies such as Policy Ec8.</p>																

Table C.4: Assessment of Policy Option 5

	<p>A potential minor negative effect has been identified in relation to SA14, due to the high number of new dwellings required by this option. This could lead to the development of sites with densities which are not appropriate to the location and the local environment including loss of best quality agricultural land, soil resources and other natural capital assets. For this reason, a potential minor negative effect has been identified.</p>
Cumulative Effect	<p>Potential cumulative effects have been identified in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SA3: A potential significant positive cumulative effect is identified in respect of helping to create the conditions for communities to thrive, particularly in the context of the wider region; • SA4: A potential significant positive cumulative effect on housing provision which meets the needs of existing residents as a result of changing household size; • SA5: A potential significant positive cumulative effect on economic growth in the District; and • SA14: A potential significant negative cumulative effect on land use resulting in the loss of best quality agricultural land, soil resources and other natural capital resources through the development of the housing and employment uses identified within this policy option.
Mitigation for significant and uncertain effects	<p>SA14: the loss of best quality agricultural land and / or natural capital assets of the District would be unmitigable. However, SA of potential development sites within next iteration of the Local Plan would to identify the most sustainable sites for allocation.</p>
Recommended enhancement measures	<p>None.</p>