

North West Leicestershire District Council
Local Plan Substantive Review:
Sustainability Appraisal

Appendix A: SA Framework





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SA Topic	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 natural green 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 NWL. • 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.
Economy & Employment	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 and which take advantage of the district's unique location.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Support low carbon industries.
	<p>SA6 Enhance the vitality and viability of existing town centres and village centres.</p>	<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.
	<p>SA7 Provision of a diverse range of employment opportunities that match the skills and needs of local residents.</p>	<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.
<p>Transport & Access</p>	<p>SA8 Reduce the need to travel and increase numbers of people walking, cycling or using the bus for their day-to-day travel needs.</p>	<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.
<p>Air, Noise & Light Pollution</p>	<p>SA9 Reduce air, light and noise pollution to avoid damage to natural systems and protect human health.</p>	<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 and biodiversity impacts by keeping external lighting to the minimum required for safety and security. • Ensure natural systems are not affected by air pollution.

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Climatic Factors	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 energy efficiency standards in accordance with national policies. • Ensure new development and car parks provide EV charging points.
	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, enhance and restore 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. • Avoid habitat fragmentation and extend ecological corridors • Protect geological designations from adverse impacts of development. • Ensure the protection and enhancement of ecosystem services.
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

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built design should help in creating vibrant places, making those approaching on foot a priority. • Help deliver built environment improvements through high quality design.
	<p>SA14 Ensure land is used efficiently and effectively.</p>	<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.
<p>Cultural Heritage</p>	<p>SA15 Conserve and enhance the character, diversity and local distinctiveness of the District's built and historic heritage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and conserve heritage assets, buildings, 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.
<p>Water</p>	<p>SA16 Protect water resources and ensure they are used efficiently.</p>	<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. • Ensure that all water courses are achieving at least 'Good' ecological status
<p>Waste & Minerals</p>	<p>SA17 Ensure the efficient use of natural resources, including reducing waste generation.</p>	<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.