



North West Leicestershire District Council
Local Plan Review:
**Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating Equality
Impact Assessment and Health Impact Assessment)**

Scoping Report
Appendix B: Detailed SA Framework







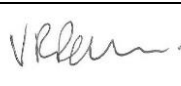
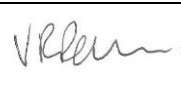


Date: 30th August 2018

Prepared by:

ClearLead Consulting Limited
The Barn, Cadhay, Ottery St Mary, Devon, EX11 1QT, UK

Quality Management

Issue/revision	Issue 1	Revision 1	Revision 2	Revision 3
Report Status	V1 Draft	V2	V3 For Consultation	V4 Consultation Amendment
Date	25/07/2018	14/08/2018	21/08/2018	30/08/2018
Prepared by	V Pearson	K Dean / J Mitchell	K Dean	K Dean
Signature				
Checked by	J Mitchell	J Mitchell	V Pearson	V Pearson
Signature				
Project number	C0143			

LIMITATIONS

This report has been prepared by ClearLead Consulting Limited solely for the use of the Client and those parties with whom a warranty agreement has been executed, or with whom an assignment has been agreed. Should any third party wish to use or rely upon the contents of the report, written approval must be sought from ClearLead Consulting Limited; a charge may be levied against such approval.

ClearLead Consulting Limited accepts no responsibility or liability for:

- a) the consequences of this document being used for any purpose or project other than for which it was commissioned, and
- b) the use of this document by any third party with whom an agreement has not been executed.

The work undertaken to provide the basis of this report comprised a study of available documented information from a variety of sources (including the Client) and discussions with relevant authorities and other interested parties. The opinions given in this report have been dictated by the finite data on which they are based and are relevant only to the purpose for which the report was commissioned. The information reviewed should not be considered exhaustive and has been accepted in good faith as providing true and representative data pertaining to site conditions. Should additional information become available which may affect the opinions expressed in this report, ClearLead Consulting Limited reserves the right to review such information and, if warranted, to modify the opinions accordingly.

It should be noted that any recommendations identified in this report are based on information provided by the Client and as gathered during the site survey. In some cases access cannot be granted to all areas of the site, in these instances and in the absence of information to the contrary, ClearLead Consulting Limited will use the information provided to complete the report.



Table of Contents

1 Introduction 1

2 Proposed SA Framework..... 2

1 Introduction

This appendix presents the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Framework of objectives (in **bold text**) and sub-objectives with which the sustainability of the Local Plan Review will be tested.

The SA Objectives within the SA Framework reflect the 'Key Sustainability Issues' identified at the end of each of the topic chapters (Chapter 5 to 15 of the main report) and the key messages identified in the PPP review (Chapter 4 of the main report). How the sustainability issues and the PPP messages have been used to develop the SA Framework is set out in Table B.1 below.

Table B.1 sets out the key sustainability issues and the key messages identified within the PPP review. These are matched to the SA Objectives which address these issues and messages. The SA Objectives are derived from those used in the previous SA of the Local Plan between 2015 and 2017 but some amendments have been made to ensure that they address the current situation in NWL.

The SA Objectives are the key objectives against which the Local Plan and its alternatives will be tested, in order to identify potential significant effects of the plan. The sub-objectives provide a finer grain of assessment, which can be applied to, for example, options for site allocations and policy wording.



2 Proposed SA Framework

Table B.1: Development of the Proposed SA Framework

SA Topic	Scoping Information		Proposed SA Framework	
	Key Sustainability Issues from the Baseline	Key Messages from the PPP Review	Objectives	Sub-objectives
Population & Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As the population continues to increase so does the demand for housing, infrastructure, facilities and employment; There is a need to provide homes to support the growing number of households in the District. This will need to be matched by new services to support communities. A high proportion of the District's residents are classified as being overweight or obese. There is a need to deliver new accessible open space to meet the needs of existing and new residents. This could also contribute to the delivery of a network of Green Infrastructure within the District. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a need to plan for an aging population with complex needs which will require inputs from all parts of the health and social care system. Ensure that there are appropriate facilities for the disabled and elderly. Deliver high quality, person-centred, integrated care pathways. Promote healthier lifestyles. Increase physical activity levels. Increase healthy life expectancy and reduce differences in life expectancy and healthy life expectancy between communities. Ensure a healthy standard of living for all. Improve public health by strengthening local public health activities which connect people with nature. To help create the safest, highest quality health and care service. 	<p>SA1 Improve the health and wellbeing of the district's population.</p> <p>(provision of suitable homes is addressed under SA 4)</p>	<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.

Table B.1: Development of the Proposed SA Framework

SA Topic	Scoping Information		Proposed SA Framework	
	Key Sustainability Issues from the Baseline	Key Messages from the PPP Review	Objectives	Sub-objectives
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The population is ageing and adequate support and facilities will be needed to support older residents; There are pockets of deprivation within the District, such as in parts of Castle Donington, Coalville, Greenhill, Moira, Ibstock and Heather. There is a need to address inequalities in the District, particularly with regards to health and crime; Much of the population live in rural or semi-rural populations and the needs of these groups must be met by increasing access to services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through better commissioning, improve local and national health outcomes, and reduce health inequalities. Reduce inequalities in care (both physical and mental) across and within communities. To ensure fair and equal access to services and support irrespective of race, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership or pregnancy/maternity. 	<p>SA2 Reduce inequalities and ensure fair and equal access and opportunities for all residents.</p>	<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.

Table B.1: Development of the Proposed SA Framework

SA Topic	Scoping Information		Proposed SA Framework	
	Key Sustainability Issues from the Baseline	Key Messages from the PPP Review	Objectives	Sub-objectives
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a need to provide safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime do not undermine quality of life; and There is a high number of reported violent crimes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide opportunities for members of the community to mix and meet. Ensure integrated approach to housing and community facilities and services. There is a need to reduce crime and the fear of crime. There is a need to tackle violent crimes and anti-social behaviour. Encourage the reporting of crime. 	<p>SA3 Help create the conditions for communities to thrive.</p> <p>(townscape / urban design issues are addressed under SA 13)</p>	<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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a need for more affordable housing in all parts of the District, with particular need in areas where housing prices are highest, such as the rural area and in Ashby-de-la-Zouch; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enable housing growth and deliver a mix of high quality housing of varying size and tenure in order to meet local needs. Deliver high quality, adequately sized and thermally efficient housing; at 	<p>SA4 Provide good quality homes that meet local needs in terms of number, type and tenure in locations where it can deliver the</p>	<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.

Table B.1: Development of the Proposed SA Framework

SA Topic	Scoping Information		Proposed SA Framework	
	Key Sustainability Issues from the Baseline	Key Messages from the PPP Review	Objectives	Sub-objectives
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New housing and economic growth needs to be spatially linked. Suitable land supply needs to be identified to help implement housing growth in locations where it can deliver greatest benefits and sustainable access to services and jobs; • There is a need for a mix of housing types, sizes and tenures to meet the requirements of all areas of the community; • There remains a shortfall between local housing allowances and average rental prices; Housing for older people and an aging population must take into account their needs, including building to lifetime home standards and increased provision of retirement homes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a location that allows access to community facilities. • The NPPF requires Local Authorities to seek to meet , as a minimum, an area’s objectively assessed needs for housing as well as any needs which cannot be met within neighbouring areas • Within this context, the NPPF also states that the size, type and tenure of housing needed for different groups in the community should be assessed and reflected in planning policies (including, but not limited to, those who require affordable housing, families with children, older people, students, people with disabilities, service families, travellers, people who rent their homes and people wishing to commission or build their own homes). • Ensure that housing growth requirements are 	<p>greatest benefits and sustainable access to services and jobs.</p> <p>(the design, energy, resource and water efficiency of homes is addressed under SA 10, 13, 16 and 17)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 B.1: Development of the Proposed SA Framework

SA Topic	Scoping Information		Proposed SA Framework	
	Key Sustainability Issues from the Baseline	Key Messages from the PPP Review	Objectives	Sub-objectives
	<p>and assisted living accommodation; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An aging population requires smaller homes as these are more likely to be characterised as single person households, as well as maintaining a stock of family homes. 	<p>accommodated in the most sustainable way.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a need to plan for an aging population with complex needs which will require inputs from all parts of the health and social care system. 		
Employment & Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment land provision will need to support existing well performing employment sectors, such as storage and distribution. There is a need to support other sectors to maintain a highly skilled workforce. There is a need to provide additional higher skilled jobs in the District to reduce the need for out commuting. NWL plays an important role in the sub-region as the focus for employment and LEP growth objectives. The needs of rural businesses must be considered, including allowing appropriate growth of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the sustainable growth and expansion of business particularly within the transport and logistics sectors. Ensure that there is an adequate supply of employment land to meet local needs. Continue to attract inward investment and encourage new business start-ups. Planning policies should avoid the long term protection of sites allocated for employment use where there is no reasonable prospect of a site being used for that purpose. 	<p>SA5 Support economic growth throughout the District</p>	<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.

Table B.1: Development of the Proposed SA Framework

SA Topic	Scoping Information		Proposed SA Framework	
	Key Sustainability Issues from the Baseline	Key Messages from the PPP Review	Objectives	Sub-objectives
	<p>business that need a rural location and diversification of the agricultural economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The tourism sector is an important part of the local economy, there is a need to protect and enhance the tourism and leisure offer particularly in relation to the National Forest, Charnwood Forest Regional Park and Ashby Canal. The aim should be for a higher per capita visitor spend rather than simply additional visitors, a way this can be achieved is through increasing overnight visitor stays in the District. There is a low proportion of young adults which could have an impact on local economic growth. Measures will need to be taken to retain and attract young adults to the District. 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The retail role of main towns and village centres needs to be supported to help reduce vacancy rates and avoid the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The layout and design of places and their wider connectivity should seek to ensure that local facilities and 	<p>SA6 Enhance the vitality and viability of existing town</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,

Table B.1: Development of the Proposed SA Framework

SA Topic	Scoping Information		Proposed SA Framework	
	Key Sustainability Issues from the Baseline	Key Messages from the PPP Review	Objectives	Sub-objectives
	loss of shop units to other uses, with a particular emphasis on the town centre of the Coalville Urban Area.	services are located within a five minute walking radius of people's homes.	centres and village centres.	restaurants etc.) within town centres and village centres.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are large disparities in access to education, skills and training at ward level; and • There is a need to support new local jobs for residents who need to access lower skilled jobs and maintain a distribution of these jobs around the district, including in those areas where residents have fewer qualifications to ensure that people who cannot get to work by car are not disadvantaged. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create jobs and prosperity. • Facilitate flexible working practices such as the integration of residential and commercial uses within the same unit. • Support opportunities for the improvement of the skills and educational attainment levels of the District's labour supply. 	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.

Table B.1: Development of the Proposed SA Framework

SA Topic	Scoping Information		Proposed SA Framework	
	Key Sustainability Issues from the Baseline	Key Messages from the PPP Review	Objectives	Sub-objectives
Transport & Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continual growth in car ownership will contribute to further air pollution, and associated impacts on climate, human health and biodiversity; Growth at the East Midlands Airport and East Midlands Gateway could increase the number of HGVs and LGVs on the roads. Further planned growth at East Midlands Airport needs to ensure that accessibility by public transport is addressed; There is a need to provide more sustainable transport modes, including public transport capacity and safeguard land for transport; There is a need to encourage more walking and cycling, including making improvements to safe and direct cycling routes across the District, taking into account the high levels of existing traffic; Due to the rural character of the District new developments would need to be located 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage sustainable transport and reduce the need to travel. Prioritise walking, cycling and public transport. Places should be designed primarily for people, not cars. The layout and design of places and their wider connectivity should seek to ensure that local facilities and services are located within a five minute walking radius of people's homes. Enhance accessibility to key community facilities, services and jobs for all. Provide an efficient, resilient and sustainable transport system. Actively manage patterns of growth to make the fullest possible use of public transport, walking and cycling and focus significant development in locations which are or can be made sustainable. 	<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.

Table B.1: Development of the Proposed SA Framework

SA Topic	Scoping Information		Proposed SA Framework	
	Key Sustainability Issues from the Baseline	Key Messages from the PPP Review	Objectives	Sub-objectives
	<p>where it would help reduce car use and where people are not disadvantaged by not having access to private transport.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some villages have a limited number of services, so there is a need to improve public transport links between the main towns and villages, especially during evenings and weekends. 			
Air, Noise & Light Pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is significant reliance on the petrol or diesel-fuelled private car as the main mode of transport; Air pollution from the strategic road network is an issue across the District and NO2 emissions have remained constant; There are five designated AQMAs. The need to avoid further deterioration in these areas is an essential consideration for new 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that air quality is maintained or enhanced and that emissions of air pollutants are kept to a minimum and meet agreed air quality targets and objectives. Promotion of walking and cycling as a healthy and more preferable options to car for local journeys. Minimise pollution and other adverse effects on the local and natural environment. Limit the impact of light pollution from artificial light on local amenity and nature conservation. 	<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 by keeping external lighting to the minimum required for safety and security.

Table B.1: Development of the Proposed SA Framework

SA Topic	Scoping Information		Proposed SA Framework	
	Key Sustainability Issues from the Baseline	Key Messages from the PPP Review	Objectives	Sub-objectives
	<p>development, with the particular importance of considering cumulative effects;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District has the highest fraction of attributable deaths to particulate air pollution in Leicestershire; • Need to help reduce pollution from road vehicles; • There is the potential for adverse impacts on wellbeing if inappropriate new development is located near a major source of noise, including the airport and any existing or new major roads. • There is a need to reduce light pollution and restrict further intensification of light pollution from new developments; • The planned development of the East Midlands Gateway, Coalville Corridor and the 			

Table B.1: Development of the Proposed SA Framework

SA Topic	Scoping Information		Proposed SA Framework	
	Key Sustainability Issues from the Baseline	Key Messages from the PPP Review	Objectives	Sub-objectives
	<p>construction of HS2 are likely to increase noise, air and light pollution; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise and air pollution could be generated through construction works in the District, resulting from growth proposed in the Local Plan. This pollution will need to be minimised and controlled through Local Plan policies. 			

Table B.1: Development of the Proposed SA Framework

SA Topic	Scoping Information		Proposed SA Framework	
	Key Sustainability Issues from the Baseline	Key Messages from the PPP Review	Objectives	Sub-objectives
Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per capita emissions far exceed both the national and regional averages; There is reliance on the petrol or diesel-fuelled private car as the main mode of transport; Industry and transport are the largest contributors to carbon emissions and levels far exceed the regional and national averages; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote low carbon economies. Reduce emissions of greenhouse gases that may cause climate change. Improve energy efficiency in homes as well as helping businesses improve their energy productivity. Encourage the provision of renewable energy. Increase energy efficiency and move towards a low carbon economy. 	<p>SA10 Reduce carbon emissions throughout the District.</p> <p>(reducing the impact of petrol or diesel fuelled vehicles is addressed by SA8)</p>	<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.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is important to become more resilient to the wider effects of climate change through adaptation measures. Green Infrastructure presents opportunities to address multiple issues through multifunctional spaces; Need to plan for and implement/facilitate climate change adaptation, in respect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimise the effects of climate change. Encourage the implementation of sustainable land management techniques to reduce the impact of extreme weather events. Avoid development in areas of flood risk. Improve flood awareness and emergency planning. 	<p>SA11 Ensure the District is resilient to the impacts of climate change.</p>	<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

Table B.1: Development of the Proposed SA Framework

SA Topic	Scoping Information		Proposed SA Framework	
	Key Sustainability Issues from the Baseline	Key Messages from the PPP Review	Objectives	Sub-objectives
	<p>of rising temperatures, water scarcity and extreme weather events, particularly heavy rainfall/flooding;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New developments need to minimise vulnerability and provide resilience to climate change; and • Need to work with communities to help tackle climate change. • New development will need to incorporate sustainable drainage systems to sustainability reduce flood risk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that all residents are informed of the potential risk of flooding and their appropriate flood evacuation route. 		<p>change e.g. hotter summers, wetter winters and more extreme weather events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure new development contributes to Green Infrastructure within the District, where possible.
Biodiversity & Geodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The River Mease SAC is at risk from adverse effects from waste water treatment outflows that have introduced damagingly high level of phosphates into the river; • There is a need to protect and enhance SSSI, particularly the sites that are in an unfavourable (declining and no change) condition, to prevent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and enhance biodiversity, including designated sites, priority species, habitats and ecological networks. • Need to recognise the wider benefits of ecosystem services. • Minimise impacts on biodiversity and provide net gains in biodiversity where possible. 	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

Table B.1: Development of the Proposed SA Framework

SA Topic	Scoping Information		Proposed SA Framework	
	Key Sustainability Issues from the Baseline	Key Messages from the PPP Review	Objectives	Sub-objectives
	<p>further deterioration and to improve their condition;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need to consider natural capital in decision making, such as in relation to land use; • There is a need to protect and enhance the wildlife and habitats in the District; • Protect existing areas designated for geological importance; • There is a need to protect and enhance a high quality green infrastructure network across the District, linking into the wider regional and national networks of green infrastructure and nature recovery. • Need to consider and plan for the impacts of climate change on species and habitats. • Growing population will increase demand for more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support is needed to achieve local BAP targets. • Increase people’s participation in wildlife conservation. • Provide better access to greenspace. • Identify opportunities for green infrastructure provision, recognising the multiple functions that green infrastructure provides to the area. • To conserve and manage geodiversity through appropriate recognition at international, national and local levels • Aim to prevent harm to geological conservation interests • To maintain and enhance geodiversity through the management of sites, areas and wider landscapes. • To increase recognition of our geodiversity in international, national, regional and local environmental and planning 		<p>greater biodiversity into urban areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counter habitat fragmentation_ • Protect geological designations from adverse impacts of development.

Table B.1: Development of the Proposed SA Framework

SA Topic	Scoping Information		Proposed SA Framework	
	Key Sustainability Issues from the Baseline	Key Messages from the PPP Review	Objectives	Sub-objectives
	development, possibly where there is a potential for loss of habitats and species but there is an opportunity to increase biodiversity in new developments, such as installing green roofs and providing new green infrastructure.	development policies and legislation.		
Landscape, Townscape & Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Character areas in the District are at risk of degradation from the pressures of new development. Planning policy needs to guide development to ensure it is contextually responsive development and reinforces local character. The National and Regional Forests are major assets in the district and helping deliver their objectives could have considerable potential in enhancing the character of the district, including through supporting tree planting. The District has a varied landscape and development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect and enhance the quality and distinctiveness of natural landscapes in ways that allow them to continue to evolve and become more resilient to the impacts of climate change and other pressures. A balance will need to be struck between safeguarding the existing identity of communities, the need to connect places to one another and encourage wider community cohesion. Development should seek to enhance the quality of life within existing communities, in addition to enhancing their 	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

Table B.1: Development of the Proposed SA Framework

SA Topic	Scoping Information		Proposed SA Framework	
	Key Sustainability Issues from the Baseline	Key Messages from the PPP Review	Objectives	Sub-objectives
	<p>should respect its landscape setting and make a positive contribution to the relationship of rural and urban areas;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The long history of coal mining within NWL has left a legacy of potential land instability and contamination issues. The Coal Authority has defined a 'Development High Risk Area' that covers most of the District; Investment is needed in Coalville in order improve the townscape and viability of the town centre. 	<p>townscape and landscape setting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The relationship between new and existing communities will require careful consideration with the interrelationship between boundaries a critical factor in the future success of a community; A balance will need to be struck between safeguarding the existing identity of communities, the need to connect places to one another and encourage wider community cohesion. Development should seek to enhance the quality of life within existing communities, in addition to enhancing their townscape and landscape setting. 		<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 though high quality design.

Table B.1: Development of the Proposed SA Framework

SA Topic	Scoping Information		Proposed SA Framework	
	Key Sustainability Issues from the Baseline	Key Messages from the PPP Review	Objectives	Sub-objectives
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a need to protect soil resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage the use of previously developed (brownfield) land. Remediate land contamination. Protect soil quality and avoid soil pollution. There is a need to consider natural capital in decision making, such as in relation to land use. 	<p>SA14 Ensure land is used efficiently and effectively.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage development on previously developed land. Whenever possible protection 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that the Conservation Areas, heritage assets and features are preserved or enhanced; New developments should respect the historic context and leave a positive architectural legacy; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conserve and enhance nationally and locally important cultural and historical assets, both designated and undesignated. Maintain and enhance access to cultural heritage assets. 	<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 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

Table B.1: Development of the Proposed SA Framework

SA Topic	Scoping Information		Proposed SA Framework	
	Key Sustainability Issues from the Baseline	Key Messages from the PPP Review	Objectives	Sub-objectives
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure development respects the character and context of Conservation Areas or Listed buildings (and their settings) and enhances the quality of the built environment; • Heritage assets should be managed to sustain their significance; • Ensure that everyone is able to participate in understanding and sustaining their local historic environment; and • There is significant potential for archaeological artefacts and features throughout North West Leicestershire. New development presents the potential for archaeological features to be discovered, but at the same time could have adverse effects if such features were damaged or lost. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve and enhance Conservation Areas. • Ensure development in or adjacent to Conservation Areas or Listed buildings (and their settings) respects their character and context and enhances the quality of the built environment. 		<p>new development respects the character of the historic environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect archaeological remains and protect or record according to guidance.

Table B.1: Development of the Proposed SA Framework

SA Topic	Scoping Information		Proposed SA Framework	
	Key Sustainability Issues from the Baseline	Key Messages from the PPP Review	Objectives	Sub-objectives
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect the River Mease from any further deterioration in water quality; New development should incorporate measures to ensure that water is used efficiently, to help reduce the water demand for the district; Increasing population will put additional strain on water resources and may call for additional infrastructure to support it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect and enhance surface and groundwater quality. Improve water efficiency. Ensure that water quality is improved or maintained where possible. Promote sustainable and water efficient development. Address any shortfalls in water supply by reducing leakage and reducing consumer consumption wherever possible. 	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The need to ensure waste management accords with the waste hierarchy and reduces the overall quantity of waste going to final disposal. Help NWL improve recycling rates, with the aim of moving NWL in the best performing quartile of local authorities. Plan development that recognises the need for the safeguarding mineral resources, including sand and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide protection to the local environment and residents, whilst ensuring a steady supply of minerals and the provision of waste management facilities in accordance with Government policy and society's needs. Waste should be managed in line with the waste hierarchy: 	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

Table B.1: Development of the Proposed SA Framework

SA Topic	Scoping Information		Proposed SA Framework	
	Key Sustainability Issues from the Baseline	Key Messages from the PPP Review	Objectives	Sub-objectives
	gravel, igneous rock and brickclay.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prevent or reduce waste; - Reuse; - Recycle; - Other recovery methods; and - Dispose. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the provision of well designed and efficient facilities, that drive waste management practices up the waste hierarchy and are located to ensure no harm to human health and the environment, and which reduce waste volumes to be disposed in landfill. 		through inappropriately located development.