

Errata Note regarding the Strategic Objectives in the Draft Waste Local Plan

Following consultation on the Issues and Options stage for the Draft Waste Local Plan (Draft Plan) in 2020, several of the Plan's strategic objectives were revised, partially in response to the Sustainability Appraisal carried out on them. The revised strategic objectives were re-appraised and the results were set out in the Draft Waste Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal Interim Report (November 2021), which was published in February 2022 alongside the Draft Plan (January 2022).

Unfortunately, following consultation on the Draft Plan it was found that the original strategic objectives contained in the Issues and Options Report had been included erroneously in the published version of the Draft Plan instead of the revised strategic objectives. The Draft Plan Sustainability Appraisal Interim Report therefore contained an appraisal of the revised strategic objectives rather than those published in the Draft Plan and approved by Committee for consultation.

For the purposes of clarity and correction, the table below sets out the strategic objectives as presented in the published Draft Plan, followed by an amended Section 4 of the Sustainability Appraisal which applies to the Draft Plan as published. Appropriate revisions to the strategic objectives will be included at the next stage of the Local Plan (the Pre-Submission Draft) and will be subject to updated Sustainability Appraisal.

| Number | Strategic Objectives in the published Draft WLP |
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| 1 | Acting on climate change - encourage the efficient use of natural resources by promoting waste as a resource, limit further impacts by avoiding damage to air quality, water or soil, reduce the need to transport waste and accept that some change is inevitable and manage this by making sure that all new waste facilities are designed and located to withstand the likely impacts of flooding, higher temperatures and more frequent storms |
| 2 | Strengthening our economy – promote a diverse local economy that treats waste as a resource, minimising waste production and maximising the re-use, recycling and recovery of waste by making the most of the opportunities for businesses, communities and local authorities to work together. Encourage investment in new and innovative waste management technologies and learn from best practice. |
| 3 | Protecting our environment – to ensure any new waste facilities protect the countryside, wildlife and valuable habitats, by protecting water, soil and air quality across the plan area and to care for the built, historic and natural environment of the area. |
| 4 | Safeguarding Community Health and Wellbeing –to ensure any, new waste facilities do not adversely impact on local amenities and quality of life from impacts such as dust, traffic, noise, odour and visual impact and address local health concerns. |
| 5 | Meeting our future needs –ensuring that there is a mix of site types, sizes and locations to help us manage waste sustainably |

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| | wherever possible. Meet current and future targets for recycling our waste. Safeguarding existing and/or potential future sites where appropriate. Locate new waste facilities to support new residential, commercial and industrial development across the plan area. |
| 6 | Promoting high quality design and operation – ensure that all facilities are designed and operated to the highest standards. Improve the understanding, acceptance and appearance of waste management facilities which are an essential part of our infrastructure. |
| 7 | Minimising the impacts of transporting waste – encourage alternatives to road such as water and rail where practical, locate sites close to sources of waste and/or end-markets to reduce transport distances and make use of existing transport links to minimise the impacts of new development. |

Amended Section 4 of the Draft Waste Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal Interim Report (November 2021)

4 Appraisal of the Strategic Objectives

- 4.1 The Issues and Options consultation document set out seven strategic objectives which are central to achieving the delivery of the vision for the Plan. The compatibility of these strategic objectives with the 14 SA objectives (listed in Table 1) was evaluated to allow for identification of any tensions or conflicts between them. It was found that the strategic objectives made a positive contribution towards sustainability, however there were significant gaps in the coverage of these strategic objectives in terms of addressing all the SA objectives. It was therefore recommended that revised strategic objectives were developed, to address the issues identified in respect of SA objectives 3 (promote sustainable patterns of movement and the use of more sustainable modes of transport), 4 (protect the quality of the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings above and below ground), 5 (protect and enhance the quality and character of our townscape and landscape) and 6 (reduce impact and risk of flooding).
- 4.2 The strategic objectives were not revised following the Issues and Options stage and their compatibility with the 14 SA objectives therefore remains as set out in the Issues and Options Sustainability Report (September 2021), as follows and as shown in Table 3 below:

Compatibility of the Waste Local Plan's Strategic Objectives with the SA Objectives (from the Issues and Options SA Report September 2021)

- 3.3 The Issues and Options consultation document set out seven strategic objectives for the Waste Local Plan which will need to be met in order to deliver the vision over the Plan period. These strategic objectives were evaluated against the 14 SA objectives listed in Table 2.2 to allow for the identification of any tensions or conflicts between them, as shown in Table 2.6.
- 3.4 No incompatibility was found between the proposed Waste Local Plan's (WLP) strategic objectives and the SA objectives. There were a number of instances where there was no relationship between the WLP's strategic objectives and some of the SA objectives, but this was to be expected given the broad range of issues covered.
- 3.5 There were 3 strategic objectives where the relationship with one or more of the SA objectives was unknown or dependent on implementation:
- Strategic objective 1 (climate change) with SA objectives 4 (protect the historic environment) and 10 (promote energy efficiency and maximise renewable energy opportunities);
 - Strategic objective 3 (the environment) with SA objectives 1 (ensure adequate provision of waste management sites and safe treatment of waste), 5 (protect and enhance the quality and character of our townscape and landscape) and 13 (support wider economic development and promote job opportunities);
 - Strategic objective 4 (community, health and wellbeing) with SA objective 1 (ensure adequate provision of waste management sites and safe treatment of waste).
- 3.6 Every strategic objective was compatible with a number of SA objectives. The strategic objectives seek to support the economy (2 and 5) whilst encouraging sustainable use of resources (1) and patterns of development (7), protecting the environment (3 and 6) and minimising the impact on communities (4). These 7 strategic objectives therefore make a positive contribution towards sustainability.
- 3.7 However, there are significant gaps in the coverage of these strategic objectives in terms of addressing all the SA objectives. It is therefore recommended that revised strategic objectives are developed, which address the issues outlined in the appraisal matrix's notes (Table 2.6) in respect of the following SA objectives:
- 3. (promote sustainable patterns of movement and the use of more sustainable modes of transport)
 - 4. (protect the quality of the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings above and below ground)

- 5. (protect and enhance the quality and character of our townscape and landscape)
- 6. (reduce impact and risk of flooding).

Table 3: Compatibility of the Waste Local Plan's Strategic Objectives with the Sustainability Appraisal Objectives

| Plan's Strategic Objectives | Sustainability Appraisal Objectives | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 1. Climate change. | + | + | + | ? | 0 | + | + | + | + | ? | + | + | + | + |
| 2. Strengthen our economy. | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | + | 0 | + | + | 0 | 0 | + | + |
| 3. The environment. | ? | + | 0 | + | ? | 0 | + | + | 0 | 0 | + | + | ? | + |
| 4. Community, health and wellbeing. | ? | + | 0 | + | + | 0 | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | + | + | 0 | + |
| 5. Meet our future needs. | + | 0 | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | + | 0 | + | 0 | + | 0 | + | + |
| 6. High quality design and operation. | + | + | 0 | + | + | 0 | + | 0 | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| 7. Sustainable transport. | + | + | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | + | 0 | + | 0 | + | 0 | + | + |

Notes

Strategic Objective 3 is not clear:

- Can '*new waste facilities protect*' or should the Objective say something along the lines of '*ensure new waste facilities avoid adverse impacts on*'?
- What is meant by '*protect the countryside*'? e.g. is it open/ rural character? Or landscape?
- What is meant by '*to care for the built and natural heritage*'? Does it mean avoid harm?
- Should this Objective include a reference to biodiversity net gain?
- Protection of landscape/townscape is not addressed in any of the Objectives and could be included within this Objective.

Strategic Objective 4

- The impacts listed could include flooding.

Strategic Objective 5

- This Strategic Objective is important in terms of SA Objective 1. However, it does not flow from the Vision - as noted in the SA of the Vision under SA Objectives 1 and 3, this issue is not included in the Vision which does not make any reference to the provision of sites for waste management or ensuring that such provision is adequate within the Plan area nor does it make any reference to the location of waste management facilities.

Strategic Objective 6

- This Objective could include specific reference to energy efficiency/ renewable energy which is not directly addressed by any of the Strategic Objectives currently.

Assessment Key

| Symbol | Relationship with the Sustainability Appraisal Objective |
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| + | Compatible |
| 0 | Not related |
| ? | Unknown or dependent on implementation |
| - | Incompatible |