

Broxtowe Borough, Gedling Borough
and Nottingham City

Aligned Core Strategies

**Sustainability Appraisal
Adoption Statement**

September 2014



Introduction

1. The Aligned Core Strategies were adopted by Broxtowe Borough Council on 17 September 2014, Gedling Borough Council on 10 September 2014 and Nottingham City Council on 8 September 2014.
2. At the beginning of the plan process, the six Councils comprising the Greater Nottingham Housing Market Area (Ashfield¹, Broxtowe, Erewash, Gedling, Nottingham City and Rushcliffe) were working together to align their Core Strategies. During the plan-making process, Erewash and Rushcliffe Councils have decided to progress their own Core Strategies although these have remained largely in accordance with the Aligned Core Strategies. Following the Option for Consultation stage, Rushcliffe Borough Council took a different approach to determining its housing provision but has since published proposed modifications which bring their plan back into alignment with the other Core Strategies. Erewash Borough Council has been progressed with their Core Strategy ahead of the other Councils and its Core Strategy was adopted in March 2014. Broxtowe, Gedling and Nottingham City Councils have continued to work together to prepare the final Aligned Core Strategies as a single document.
3. The key stages of preparing the Aligned Core Strategies and the Councils involved at each stage are set out in Table 1.

Table 1: Key Stages of the Aligned Core Strategies

Stage	Councils
Issues and Options (June 2009)	Ashfield, Broxtowe, Erewash, Gedling, Nottingham City and Rushcliffe
Option for Consultation (February 2010)	Broxtowe, Erewash, Gedling, Nottingham City and Rushcliffe
Housing Provision Position Paper, draft Climate Change policy and Locally Distinct Housing Issues (July 2011)	Broxtowe, Erewash, Gedling and Nottingham City
Publication Version (June 2012)	Broxtowe, Gedling and Nottingham City
Submission to the Planning Inspectorate (June 2013)	Broxtowe, Gedling and Nottingham City
Main Modifications (March 2014)	Broxtowe, Gedling and Nottingham City
Adoption (September 2014)	Broxtowe, Gedling and Nottingham City

4. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced the requirement to carry out Sustainability Appraisals as an integral part of the preparation of new plans. The National Planning Policy Framework states that a Sustainability Appraisal should incorporate the requirements of the European Directive on

¹ For the Hucknall area only. Ashfield District Council is preparing a Local Plan covering the whole of their District, including areas not part of Greater Nottingham. The Hucknall part of their Local Plan is aligned with the Core Strategies for Greater Nottingham.

Strategic Environment Assessment. The Strategic Environment Assessment (European Directive 2001/42/EC) requires that local planning authorities undertake an 'environmental assessment' of any plans they prepare that are likely to have a significant effect upon the environment.

5. The three Councils (Broxtowe, Gedling and Nottingham City) have produced this joint statement in accordance with Regulation 16 (4) (a) to (f) of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, which incorporates European Directive 2001/42/EC into UK legislation.
6. As required by regulation 16 (4), this statement sets out:-
 - (a) how environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan or programme;
 - (b) how the environmental report has been taken into account;
 - (c) how opinions expressed in response to the public consultation have been taken into account;
 - (d) how the results of any consultations involving other Member States have been taken into account;
 - (e) the reasons for choosing the plan or programme as adopted, in the light of other reasonable alternatives dealt with; and
 - (f) the measures that are to be taken to monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the plan or programme.

(a) How environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan (i.e. the Aligned Core Strategies)

7. The first stage of the Sustainability Appraisal was to identify its scope i.e. the sustainability issues and problems facing the area; other policies, plans or programmes that were relevant to the Aligned Core Strategies; and baseline information.
8. A Sustainability Appraisal Framework (which contains a list of 14 sustainability appraisal objectives covering environmental, social and economic issues) was established against which the Aligned Core Strategies' policies were assessed. The Councils published their individual Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Reports and consultation took place in June 2009. The SA objectives were amended in the light of the comments received from consultees at the Scoping stage (and subsequently at the Option for Consultation stage).
9. Since the publication of the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Reports in 2009, the list of policies, plans and programmes was updated in 2012 and presented in the Sustainability Appraisal Publication Version to reflect the new/emerging policies, plans programmes. The baseline indicators and data were updated and presented in the Sustainability Appraisal Publication Version.
10. The Aligned Core Strategies were also screened to identify any likely significant effects on European sites and, where necessary, to consider potential mitigation measures. The Habitats Regulations Assessment was carried out in accordance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010.

11. The Sustainability Appraisal has been used to guide and inform the decision-making process when developing the Aligned Core Strategies. The SA Framework has been used during the appraisal process and the findings have been published at each stage of the Aligned Core Strategies.

12. The key stages of the preparation of the Aligned Core Strategies and the Sustainability Appraisal as well as the Habitats Regulations Assessment are set out in Table 2. Those stages that included consultation have been highlighted in the table.

Table 2: Key Stages of the Aligned Core Strategies, Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment

Date	Stage
June 2009	Consultation on the Councils' Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Reports (Broxtowe, Gedling and Nottingham City) – the first stage of the Sustainability Appraisal process
June 2009	Consultation on Aligned Core Strategies Issues and Options document
November 2009	Sustainability Appraisal of the options considered in the Issues and Options document (including workshop 1)
February 2010	Sustainability Appraisal Interim Report – this report set out the assessment of the options considered in the Issues and Options document
February 2010	Consultation on Aligned Core Strategies Option for Consultation document
September 2010	Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Record completed. Habitats Regulations Appraisal for Further Assessment (potential effect of Top Wighay Farm allocation) completed
May 2010	Sustainability Appraisal of Option for Consultation policies and sites (including workshop 2)
May 2011	Sustainability Appraisal Further Interim Report – this report considered the cumulative impact of the policies of the Option for Consultation
July 2011	Consultation on Housing Provision Position Paper, draft Climate Change policy and Locally Distinct Housing Issues. Rushcliffe Borough Council disengaged from the Aligned Core Strategies process and consulted separately on their local approach to housing provision
August 2011/September 2011	Habitats Regulations Assessment – Screening Assessments of Additional Nitrogen Deposition and Additional Noise from the development at Top Wighay Farm (500 homes) on the Proposed Sherwood Forest Special Protection Area for Birds and the Integrity of the Habitat for Woodlark and Nightjar completed
October 2011	Sustainability Appraisal of new/significantly changed policies and new sites (including workshop 3)
January 2012	Habitats Regulations Assessment – Screening Assessments of Additional Nitrogen Deposition and Additional Noise from the development of 500 to 1,500 Houses at Top Wighay Farm on the Proposed Sherwood Forest Special Protection Area for Birds and the Integrity of the Habitat for Woodlark and Nightjar completed

Date	Stage
February 2012	Habitats Regulations Assessment – Supplementary Information (additional SHLAA sites) Screening Record completed
June 2012	Consultation on Aligned Core Strategies Publication Version, Habitats Regulations Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal Publication Version . The Sustainability Appraisal document draws together the findings from the previous stages of the Sustainability Appraisal and provides appraisals of each of the 19 policies within the Broxtowe, Gedling and Nottingham City Councils' Aligned Core Strategies Publication Version and Erewash's Core Strategy Publication Version
November 2012	Submission of Erewash Borough Council's Core Strategy to the Planning Inspectorate. No longer formally part of the Aligned Core Strategies (although its Core Strategy remains entirely consistent). However they remained part of the Sustainability Appraisal Publication Version
January 2013	Addendum to the Habitat Regulation Assessment – consideration of 'in combination effects' of sites identified in the Councils' Aligned Core Strategy Publication Version and Ashfield District Council's Local Plan Preferred Approach
February 2013	Broxtowe Borough Council published and consulted on a separate addendum which considered the inclusion of the land in the vicinity of the proposed HS2 Station as a Strategic Location for Growth. This was a direct response to the announcement in January 2013 by the Secretary of State for Transport that Toton Sidings was the preferred location for a High Speed 2 (HS2) Hub station to serve the East Midlands.
June 2013	Submission of Aligned Core Strategies and Sustainability Appraisal to the Planning Inspectorate. Two addendums to the Sustainability Appraisal were also submitted to the Planning Inspectorate – Sustainability Appraisal Addendum examining the proposed changes post Publication Version (including new Policy A) and Sustainability Appraisal Further Addendum examining the inclusion of Toton Sidings in the vicinity of the proposed HS2 Station
October/November 2013	Public hearing sessions of the Broxtowe, Gedling and Nottingham City Councils' Aligned Core Strategies
November/December 2013	Preparation of further work regarding:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the distribution of new housing in Gedling Borough, - providing additional details on development at Toton and the likely impact of this on other sites and locations in Broxtowe Borough, and - the monitoring and review of the Core Strategies Included further Sustainability Appraisals - Sustainability Appraisal on the Scenarios considered by Gedling and Sustainability Appraisal on proposed Broxtowe changes
February 2014	Additional public hearing sessions to discuss the changes proposed by the Councils as part of the further work outlined above
February 2014	Sustainability Appraisal of the proposed Main Modifications to the Aligned Core Strategies
March 2014	Consultation on Main Modifications to the Aligned Core Strategies and Combined document Sustainability Appraisal Equality Impact Assessment Habitats Regulations Assessment to the Aligned Core Strategies Publication Version
July 2014	Inspector's Report received on the Aligned Core Strategies

Date	Stage
8 September 2014	Nottingham City Council's Core Strategy adopted
10 September 2014	Gedling Borough Council's Core Strategy adopted
17 September 2014	Broxtowe Borough Council's Core Strategy adopted

(b) How the environmental report (i.e. the Sustainability Appraisal report) has been taken into account

13. At each stage of preparing the Aligned Core Strategies, the findings of the Sustainability Appraisal were taken into account to inform the development of policies and proposals.

Issues and Options / Option for Consultation

14. The process started with appraising all reasonable options and scenarios. The appraisal process took place in a workshop format held in November 2009 facilitated by Sustainability Appraisal consultants Levett-Therivel. The workshop was attended by officers from the Councils and also technical specialists (e.g. transport and accessibility planner and ecologist). The workshop attendees appraised the options identified in the Aligned Core Strategies Issues and Options document. The Sustainability Appraisal Interim Report (February 2010) provides the full findings of the appraisals and recommendations for the Option for Consultation stage. At the time, housing provision levels were set by the East Midlands Regional Plan (2009), and so limited appraisal of different levels of growth was undertaken, since significantly higher or lower levels of housing provision would not be in general conformity with the Regional Plan, and could not therefore be regarded as reasonable alternatives.

15. Following the consultation on the Option for Consultation document, further appraisal (in a workshop format) took place in May 2010 to help refine the policies for the Aligned Core Strategies Publication Version. The full findings of the appraisals and recommendations for the Publication Version can be found in the Sustainability Appraisal Further Interim Report (May 2011).

16. The appraisals produced at the workshops informed the preparation of the Aligned Core Strategies Publication Version.

Publication Version

17. A further appraisal (in a workshop format) took place in October 2011 which assessed the policy revisions and new policies and proposals. Following the workshop in October 2011 and prior to the Publication Version published in June 2012, further appraisals were undertaken in-house to assess the changes that had occurred in the Aligned Core Strategies. For example, a further appraisal was undertaken by Gedling Borough Council to assess the increase in numbers of new homes at the three Key Settlements (Bestwood Village, Calverton and Ravenshead) due to, at the time, the uncertainty over the deliverability of the Gedling Colliery/Chase Farm site. Additionally, since the East Midlands Regional

Plan was due to be abolished, further appraisal of different alternative levels of housing provision and distribution was also undertaken. The full findings of the appraisals of the chosen policies and the chosen sites as well as the rejected sites are detailed in the Sustainability Appraisal Publication Version. The Sustainability Appraisal Publication Version also provides a detailed account on how the Sustainability Appraisal process has informed the Aligned Core Strategies since the scoping stage.

18. Subsequent to the Publication Version report, a new Policy A: Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development was proposed as the result of the National Planning Policy Framework. An addendum to the Sustainability Appraisal Publication Version was published which presents the results of the appraisal of the proposed modifications to the Aligned Core Strategies (in the light of the comments received at the Publication Version stage), including the full appraisal of the new Policy A.
19. Broxtowe Borough Council published a separate addendum which considered the inclusion of the land in the vicinity of the proposed HS2 Station as a Strategic Location for Growth in a direct response to the announcement in January 2013 by the Secretary of State for Transport that Toton Sidings was the preferred location for a High Speed 2 (HS2) Hub station to serve the East Midlands.

Submission / Examination

20. Following the hearing sessions in October and November 2013, the Inspector asked the three Councils to undertake further work regarding the distribution of new housing in Gedling; to provide additional details on the development at Toton and the likely impact of this on other sites and locations in Broxtowe; and to provide more detail on the monitoring and review of the Aligned Core Strategies. The Councils submitted detailed information to the Inspector in December 2013/January 2014 including further Sustainability Appraisal assessment of the modifications proposed. The hearing sessions resumed in February 2014 to discuss the modifications.

Proposed Main Modifications

21. The Councils have considered a number of proposed changes to the Aligned Core Strategies. Some of these changes were made between the Publication Version of the Aligned Core Strategies in June 2012 and the Submission to the Planning Inspectorate in June 2013. Other changes were a result of continued dialogue with key stakeholders or as a result of the examination process (including the hearing sessions). Further appraisal was undertaken to assess the impact of the proposed Main Modifications to the Aligned Core Strategies. The document concluded that the overall outcomes remain the same as reported in the Sustainability Appraisal Publication Version.
22. The final assessment of the chosen policies and proposals are set out in the following documents:-
 - Sustainability Appraisal Publication Version (2012); and
 - Sustainability Appraisal Publication Version Main Modifications (2014).

Habitats Regulations Assessment

23. The Aligned Core Strategies were also screened to identify any likely significant effects on European sites and, where necessary, to consider potential mitigation measures. The Sustainability Appraisal Publication Version describes the Habitats Regulations Assessment process. Screening of the Aligned Core Strategies Option for Consultation was completed in September 2010 and this work identified a potential significant effect on an area of land that may be designated in the future as a European site.
24. The Aligned Core Strategies have been therefore subject to further Habitats Regulations Assessment in respect of the potential effects on the prospective Sherwood Forest Special Protection Area, as a result of the Top Wighay Farm allocation, in combination with other plans or projects. The scoping of this assessment was completed in September 2010 and a more detailed assessment of noise impacts as well as nitrogen disposition was also undertaken. A further assessment was completed in September 2011 and concluded that there was unlikely to be a significant effect on the prospective Sherwood Forest Special Protection Area from the development at Top Wighay Farm.
25. In January 2012 a further Habitats Regulation Appraisal Screening Report was undertaken to assess whether the proposals for development around Bestwood Village, Calverton and Ravenshead would result in potential significant effects on the prospective Special Protection Area as part of the preparation of the Aligned Core Strategies, given changes to the number of houses proposed in these locations. This concluded that there would be no significant effects at Bestwood Village and Ravenshead but that significant effects could not be ruled out at Calverton unless a mitigation package was put in to place. This mitigation package has been agreed with Natural England and is set out in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.
26. In January 2013 a further assessment was undertaken to consider the 'in combination effects' of sites identified within Gedling Borough set out in the Aligned Core Strategies and Ashfield District Council's Local Plan Preferred Approach. The assessment concluded that the proposals within Ashfield District Council's Preferred Approach in combination with Gedling Borough Council's proposals resulted in no 'in combination' effects.
27. In February 2014 it was considered that no additional effects would arise and impact on the prospective Special Protection Area as a result of the proposed Main Modifications to the Aligned Core Strategies.
28. Following the examination of the Aligned Core Strategies, the Inspector's Report was received in July 2014 and the Report concluded that "the requirements for appropriate assessment of the Habitats Regulations have been met".

(c) How opinions expressed in response to the public consultation have been taken into account

Scoping

29. The Councils' Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Reports went out for consultation in June 2009. The three statutory consultation bodies (Natural England, Environment Agency and English Heritage) as well as the then Government Office for the East Midlands were invited to comment on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Reports. There was no requirement to consult more widely at that stage. Specific questions were included in the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Reports to assist consultees with their responses. The three statutory consultation bodies provided comments regarding the list of plans, policies and programmes, baseline data and SA Framework. Appendix 4 of the Sustainability Appraisal Interim Report (February 2010) provides the comments received on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Reports.

Issues and Options / Option for Consultation / Summer 2011 consultation

30. The Councils published individual Summary of Consultation Events and Responses documents on the Aligned Core Strategies Issues and Options stage, Option for Consultation stage and the summer 2011 consultation on the Housing Provision Position Paper, draft Climate Change policy and Locally Distinct Housing Issues. The documents cover the three consultations:-

- Broxtowe's Summary of Consultation Events and Responses (June 2012)
- Gedling's Summary of Consultation Events and Responses (June 2012)
- Nottingham's Summary of Consultation Events and Responses (June 2012)

31. The comments from the consultees have informed the preparation of the Aligned Core Strategies. During the Issues and Options and Option for Consultation stages, consultees were given opportunities to comment on the policies or suggest amendments to the policies and on the identified sites or suggest alternative sites. Further details can be found in the Councils' Statement of Consultation Events and Responses documents.

Publication Version

32. The Councils have published a joint Statement of Consultation – Summary of the Main Issues Raised by Representations on the Publication Version Aligned Core Strategies (Part 2) (May 2013). This document includes comments received on the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment. For the Sustainability Appraisal, the common issues and the Broxtowe and Gedling specific issues are detailed on pages 81-82. Nottingham City received no comments on the Sustainability Appraisal. The key issues arising and the Councils responses are detailed on pages 82-89.

33. All comments on the Sustainability Appraisal Publication Version are detailed in the Sustainability Appraisal Addendum (May 2013). The document also includes

the Councils response and the proposed amendments to the Sustainability Appraisal Publication Version in the light of the comments received.

Proposed Main Modifications

34. No comments were received on the Sustainability Appraisal on the Proposed Main Modifications.

Inspector's Report

35. Following the examination of the Aligned Core Strategies, the Inspector's Report was received in July 2014 and the Report concluded that the Sustainability Appraisal "has been conducted adequately". The Inspector's Report noted the three consultation bodies (English Heritage, Natural England and the Environment Agency) had raised no concerns about the Sustainability Appraisal for the Aligned Core Strategies.

36. The Inspector's Report noted the Sustainability Appraisal had been criticised for amounting to post-hoc justification for policy and proposals rather than being an integral part of the plan-preparation process; the assessment criteria had insufficient regard for environmental factors or the loss of greenfield land; and alternatives to the policies and proposals had not been objectively appraised. The Inspector's Report recognised that the Sustainability Appraisal had been an ongoing process and was based on Government guidance in the Plan Making Manual and Practical Guide to Strategic Environmental Assessment 2005. Regarding the methodology of the Sustainability Appraisal, the Inspector's Report noted that an inhouse but separate team from those drafting the Aligned Core Strategies had followed a robust process of appraisal and taken independent advice on the process and legal compliance of the Sustainability Appraisal.

(d) How the results of any consultations involving other Member States have been taken into account

37. It has been confirmed that there have been no European transboundary issues associated with the Aligned Core Strategies.

(e) The reasons for choosing the plan (i.e. the Aligned Core Strategies) as adopted, in the light of other reasonable alternatives dealt with

38. The Sustainability Appraisal has been a key element in the preparation of the Aligned Core Strategies. All reasonable options were appraised in addition to the preferred option in each case.

39. Section 7 of the Sustainability Appraisal Publication Version (June 2012) describes the reasonable alternatives that were appraised for the Aligned Core Strategies. The section describes the options considered for the Aligned Core Strategies:-

- A. Housing Growth Options – three reasonable growth options were appraised in the light of the forthcoming abolition of the East Midlands Regional Plan. These were high, medium and low growths, with medium growth being the full objectively assessed housing need across the Housing Market Area;
- B. Growth Scenarios including Growth Options for Rushcliffe – three scenarios were appraised when it was unclear at the time whether Rushcliffe were going to continue working with the other authorities in the preparation of the Aligned Core Strategies;
- C. Spatial Options – the two options for growth (urban concentration and localism dispersed development) were appraised;
- D. Employment Growth Options – three options linked to the housing growth options were appraised;
- E. Alternative Approaches to Policies – several alternatives were considered for the following policies:-
 - Climate Change
 - Community Infrastructure Levy
 - Housing Mix Based on Housing Submarkets
 - Affordable Housing
 - Rural Housing
 - Provision of Sport, Leisure and Cultural Facilities

40. Sections 8, 9, 11 and 12 of the Sustainability Appraisal Publication Version (June 2012) describe the sites and settlements that were appraised and selected or rejected in the Aligned Core Strategies. Paragraphs 8.1 – 8.10 explain the process of identifying strategic sustainable sites and locations. All strategic sites identified in the Appraisal of Sustainable Urban Extensions Tribal Report (2008) (i.e. potentially suitable sites and potentially unsuitable sites) were appraised, as well as other sites suggested by consultees. The Sustainable Locations for Growth Tribal Study (2010) provided information on the pros and cons of accommodating growth in different areas outside the Principal Urban Area. During the Issues and Options and Option for Consultation stages, consultees were given opportunities to comment on identified sites or suggest alternative sites. Section 9 of the Sustainability Appraisal Publication Version looks at the site and settlement options for Broxtowe Borough, Section 11 looks at the site and settlement options for Gedling Borough and Section 12 looks at the site options for Nottingham City.

41. In response to the announcement in January 2013 by the Secretary of State for Transport that Toton Sidings was the preferred location for a High Speed 2 (HS2) Hub station to serve the East Midlands, Broxtowe Borough Council published an addendum to the Sustainability Appraisal to consider the inclusion of land in the vicinity of the proposed HS2 Station as a Strategic Location for Growth in the Aligned Core Strategies.

42. Following the hearing sessions in October and November 2013, the Inspector asked the three Councils to undertake further work regarding the distribution of new housing in Gedling; to provide additional details on the development at Toton and the likely impact of this on other sites and locations in Broxtowe; and to provide more detail on the monitoring and review of the Aligned Core Strategies.

43. For Gedling Borough, the Council had to re-consider the distribution of housing within the Borough, to review the proportion of new homes proposed adjoining the urban area and also the impact on Hucknall. To consider how the additional new homes proposed adjoining the urban area should affect the distribution of housing elsewhere in the Borough, five scenarios were explored:-
- A. Hucknall only = 100% of reduction around Hucknall area
 - 1. Reduce figure for Top Wighay Farm site, delete North of Papplewick Lane site with remainder coming off Bestwood Village
 - 2. Delete Top Wighay Farm site with remainder coming off Bestwood Village
 - B. Balanced (50/50 split) = reduction at Top Wighay Farm site and Bestwood Village and proportional reductions at Calverton and Ravenshead
 - C. Village only = 100% of reduction from Calverton and Ravenshead in proportion
 - D. Hucknall focus = reduction at North of Papplewick Lane site and minimum housing figure at Bestwood Village plus proportional reductions at Calverton and Ravenshead
44. The Sustainability Appraisal formed one of the five criteria used to assess which scenario should be progressed and more information is provided in CD/EX/35 report.
45. For Broxtowe Borough, the Council had to appraise the impact that the development at Toton would have on other sites and locations in Broxtowe. The process concluded that the proposed modifications to the original policies within the Core Strategies with respect to Toton were substantive enough to require reassessment; but the proposed modifications with respect to Brinsley and Eastwood were scoped as being insignificant.

(f) The measures that are to be taken to monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the plan (i.e. the Aligned Core Strategies)

46. The adopted Aligned Core Strategies contain monitoring arrangements which set out targets, indicators and delivery requirements for each policy. Section 16 of the Sustainability Appraisal Publication Version sets out a series of monitoring indicators for monitoring the effects of the Core Strategies. Paragraph 16.9 of the Publication Version confirms that some of the indicators are already monitored in the Councils' monitoring reports.
47. The information monitored will be published in the Councils' Authority Monitoring Reports at least yearly and the information will be made available on the Councils websites.
48. The Aligned Core Strategies policies will be reviewed in the light of the results of monitoring and any other significant changes.
49. Paragraph 16.5 of the Sustainability Appraisal Publication (page 135) states a monitoring framework will need to be finalised post adoption of the Aligned Core

Strategies so that the implementation of the policies can be monitored. A monitoring framework is attached as Appendix 1.

Further Information

50. To access the Sustainability Appraisal documents mentioned in this statement, please visit the Greater Nottingham Core Strategies Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment web page at the following address:-

<http://goss.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=18659>

51. The Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment documents that have been used to guide and inform the decision-making process are as follows:-

- [Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report \(Broxtowe\) \(June 2009\)](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report \(Gedling\) \(June 2009\)](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report \(Nottingham City\) \(June 2009\)](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal Interim Report \(February 2010\)](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal Further Interim Report \(May 2011\)](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal Publication Version \(June 2012\)](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal Publication Version \(June 2012\) – Appendices](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal Addendum examining the Proposed Changes \(May 2013\)](#)
- [Further Addendum examining the Proposed Changes in light of HS2/Toton Allocation \(February 2013\)](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal on the scenarios considered by Gedling in response to the Inspector's note dated 22 November 2013 \(December 2013\)](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal on proposed Broxtowe changes in response to the Inspector's note dated 22 November 2013 \(January 2014\)](#)
- [Combined document Sustainability Appraisal Equality Impact Assessment Habitats Regulations Assessment to the Aligned Core Strategies Publication Version \(March 2014\)](#)
- [Habitats Regulations Assessment \(June 2012\)](#) – this is a combined document of the following:
 - o Habitats Regulations Appraisal Screening Record (September 2010)
 - o Habitats Regulations Appraisal for Further Assessment (September 2010)
 - o A Screening Assessment of Additional Nitrogen Deposition from the Development at Top Wighay Farm, Hucknall on the Proposed Sherwood Forest Special Protection Area (SPA) for Birds and the Integrity of the Habitat for Woodlark and Nightjar (August 2011)
 - o A Screening Assessment of Additional Noise from the Development at Top Wighay Farm, Hucknall on the Proposed Sherwood Forest Special Protection Area (SPA) for Birds and the Integrity of the Habitat for Woodlark and Nightjar (September 2011)
 - o A Screening Assessment of Additional Nitrogen Deposition from the Development of 500 to 1,500 Houses at Top Wighay Farm, Hucknall on the Proposed Sherwood Forest Special Protection Area (SPA) for

Birds and the Integrity of the Habitat for Woodlark and Nightjar
(January 2012)

- A Screening Assessment of Additional Noise from the Development of 500 to 1,500 Houses at Top Wighay Farm, Hucknall on the Proposed Sherwood Forest Special Protection Area (SPA) for Birds and the Integrity of the Habitat for Woodlark and Nightjar (January 2012)
- Supplementary Information (Additional SHLAA Sites) Habitats Regulations Appraisal Screening Record (February 2012)
- [Addendum to the Aligned Core Strategies Habitats Regulations Assessment \(January 2013\)](#)
- [Further Addendum examining the Proposed Changes in light of HS2/Toton Allocation \(February 2013\)](#)
- [Combined document Sustainability Appraisal Equality Impact Assessment Habitats Regulations Assessment to the Aligned Core Strategies Publication Version \(March 2014\)](#)

52. To access other documents mentioned in this statement, please visit the Aligned Core Strategies home page at the following address:-

<http://goss.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=23495>

Appendix 1 – Sustainability Appraisal Monitoring Framework

Extracts from the Sustainability Appraisal Publication Version (Table 24)

SA objectives	Aligned Core Strategies Policies	Indicators
1. Housing Effects on ensuring that the housing stock meets the housing needs of the plan areas	Policy 2 – The Spatial Strategy Policy 5 – Nottingham City Centre Policy 7 - Regeneration Policy 8 – Housing Size, Mix and Choice Policy 9 – Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Policy 18 – Infrastructure Policy 19 – Developer Contributions	Population – by group
		Number of housing completions
		Number of housing completions – affordable
		Number of housing completions by dwelling type, size and density
		Number and area of housing completions on previously developed land
		Average house prices
		Number of homelessness
		Number of vacant dwellings – by type
		Number of gypsy and traveller pitches
		2. Health Effects on improving health and reducing health inequalities
Life expectancy at birth		
Residents participation in sport		
3. Heritage Effects on providing better opportunities for people to value and enjoy the plan areas heritage including the preservation, enhancement and promotion of the cultural and built environment (including archaeological assets)	Policy 5 – Nottingham City Centre Policy 10 – Design and Enhancing Local Identity Policy 11 – The Historic Environment	Open space managed to green flag award standard
		Number of museums
4. Crime Effects on improving community safety, reducing crime and the fear of crime in the plan areas	Policy 10 – Design and Enhancing Local Identity	Crime – by type
5. Social Effects on promoting and supporting the development and growth of social capital across the plan areas	Policy 5 – Nottingham City Centre Policy 12 – Local Services and Healthy Lifestyles Policy 19 – Developer Contributions	Number of community centres, leisure centres, libraries
6. Environment, Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure	Policy 3 – The Nottingham-Derby Green Belt Policy 5 – Nottingham City Centre	Greenfield loss of new development (ha) in line with the ACS

SA objectives	Aligned Core Strategies Policies	Indicators
<p>Effects on increasing biodiversity levels and protecting and enhancing Green Infrastructure and the natural environment across the plan areas</p> <p>7. Landscape Effects on protecting and enhancing the landscape character of the plan areas, including heritage and its setting</p>	<p>Policy 11 – The Historic Environment Policy 16 – Green Infrastructure, Parks and Open Space Policy 17 – Biodiversity Policy 19 – Developer Contributions</p>	Area of new open space
		Number and area of Nature Reserves
		Number and area of National Nature Reserves (Attenborough)
		Number and area of Biological SINCs
		Woodland area
		Number and area of Conservation Areas
		Number of Listed Buildings
		Number of Listed Buildings – at risk
		Number and area of Registered Parks and Garden
		Number of Scheduled Ancient Monuments
<p>8. Natural Resources and Flooding Effects on prudently managing the natural resources of the area including water, air quality, soils and minerals whilst also minimising the risk of flooding</p>	<p>Policy 1 – Climate Change</p>	Planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the EA
		Households in flood zones 2 and 3 without flood protection measures
		Area covered by flood zones 2 or 3 with no flood protection measures
<p>9. Waste Effects on minimising waste and increasing the re-use and recycling of waste materials</p> <p>10. Energy and Climate Change Effects on minimising energy usage and developing the area’s renewable energy resource reducing dependency on non-renewable sources</p>	<p>Policy 1 – Climate Change Policy 18 – Infrastructure Policy 19 – Developer Contributions Policy 5 – Nottingham City Centre Policy 14 – Managing Travel Demand Policy 15 – Transport Infrastructure Priorities Policy 18 – Infrastructure Policy 19 – Developer Contributions</p>	Carbon dioxide emissions per capita total
		Energy per meter by type
		Energy consumed by type
		Renewable energy capacity installed by type
		New waste management facilities – by type
		Access to key facilities
<p>11. Transport Effects on making efficient use of the existing transport infrastructure, helping reduce the need to travel by car, improving accessibility to jobs and services for all and ensuring that all journeys are undertaken by the most sustainable mode available</p>	<p>Policy 2 – The Spatial Strategy Policy 4 – Employment Provision and Economic Development Policy 14 – Managing Travel Demand Policy 15 – Transport Infrastructure</p>	Railway station usage
		Proportion of households with hourly or better daytime bus service to district or City Centre
		Number of public transport trips
		Plan area wide traffic growth
		Number of cycling trips
<p>12. Employment Effects on creating high quality employment opportunities</p>	<p>Policy 4 – Employment Provision and Economic Development Policy 5 – Nottingham City Centre Policy 6 – Role of Town and Local Centres</p>	Area of new floor space and land by type and location
		Employment and unemployment rate
		Earnings – by type
		Employment profile – by type

SA objectives	Aligned Core Strategies Policies	Indicators
<p>13. Innovation Effects on developing a strong culture of enterprise and innovation</p> <p>14. Economic Structure Effects on providing the physical conditions for a modern economic structure including infrastructure to support the use of new technologies</p>	<p>Policy 7 – Regeneration Policy 13 – Culture, Tourism and Sport Policy 18 – Infrastructure</p>	Qualifications – by type
		Type and area of employment land availability (ha)
		Area of employment land lost to housing or other uses