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**Open Space in New
Developments**

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1. INTRODUCTION

THE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)

- 1.1. The Open Space in New Developments SPD will supplement policies in the adopted Development Control Policies Development Plan Document (DPD) relating to provision of open space and recreation. In particular it will supplement policies DP/4 (Infrastructure and New Developments), SF/10 (Outdoor Play Space, Informal Open Space and New Developments), and Policy SF/11 (Open Space Standards). As such, the scope of the document will be quite narrow.
- 1.2. The SPD will aim to ensure that all new developments benefit from appropriate levels of open space and facilities to meet the needs of new residents. It will assist applicants for planning permission by informing them about what contributions are required and why and how provision and payments should be made, and provide a clear information to Parish Councils and other interested parties. It will also aim to ensure that facilities provided are properly managed and maintained for maximum community benefit.

THE SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL (SA)

- 1.3. Sustainability Appraisal (SA) is a requirement under Regulation 39 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) for the Local Development Documents that comprise a Local Development Framework (LDF).
- 1.4. The purpose of SA is “to promote sustainable development through better integration of sustainability considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans. [It is] an iterative process that identifies and reports on the likely significant effects of the plan and the extent to which the implementation of the plan will achieve the social, environmental and economic objectives by which sustainable development can be defined.” (ODPM, 2004)
- 1.5. The SA Report is a key output of the process. It supported the draft plan on which formal public consultation was carried out and as a result of this consultation no amendments were required to be done on the final SA Report. This final SA Report is being published alongside the Open Space in New Developments SPD, which is being adopted by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

2. METHODOLOGY

APPROACH

- 2.1. The stages of the Sustainability Appraisal are as follows:
- Stage A: Setting the context and objectives, establishing the baseline and deciding on the scope;
 - Stage B: Developing and refining options and assessing effects;
 - Stage C: Preparing the Sustainability Appraisal Report;
 - Stage D: Consulting on draft SPD and Sustainability Appraisal Report;
 - Stage E: Monitoring the significant effects of implementing the SPD.
- 2.2. Stage A involves establishing the framework for undertaking the SA, together with the evidence base that will help to inform the appraisal. The evidence base describes the area in question, and can be used in evaluating the impacts of the SPD on the sustainable development objectives. The framework and evidence base should be documented in a Scoping Report, which should be subject to consultation with the four SEA Consultation Bodies¹ and other relevant stakeholders.
- 2.3. The Council has undertaken Stage A of the process by producing a Scoping Report² in January 2006. The Scoping Report is available on the Council's website³. The Council's Scoping Report⁴ contains a broad range of baseline information relevant to the production of LDF documents. The Scoping Report provides a broad range of indicators, used as significant effects indicators within the council's Annual Monitoring Report (AMR). These have been used to illustrate the council's current performance against the sustainability objectives used in assessing the LDF documents.
- 2.4. Government guidance on Sustainability Appraisals⁵ states that one scoping report can be produced for several LDDs, provided that it gives sufficient information for each of the LDDs concerned. This can be achieved by preparing the Scoping Report in two parts, the second of which is more specific reporting on individual LDD.

¹ English Heritage, Natural England, Environment Agency

² South Cambridgeshire District Council (January, 2006), Local Development Framework: Sustainability Appraisal: Scoping Report

³ <http://scambs.jdi-consult.net/ldf/readdoc.php?docid=66>

⁴ South Cambridgeshire District Council (January, 2006), Local Development Framework: Sustainability Appraisal: Scoping Report (<http://scambs.jdi-consult.net/ldf/readdoc.php?docid=66>)

⁵ ODPM (2005). *Sustainability Appraisal of Regional Spatial Strategies and Local Development Documents* (available at: <http://www.odpm.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1143289>)

- 2.5. An addendum to the LDF Scoping Report to provide additional specific scoping information on the Open Space in New Developments SPD has also been prepared. The report contains additional scoping information relevant specifically to the SPD that will form the basis of the assessment in the SA Report. This has been subject to consultation with the SEA Consultation bodies, and other relevant bodies.

WHEN WAS THE SA CARRIED OUT?

- 2.6. The Sustainability Appraisal was undertaken in January 2008.

WHO CARRIED OUT THE SA?

- 2.7. The South Cambridgeshire District Council Planning Policy team undertook the preparation of the Sustainability Assessment, with assistance from other officers in the Council.

CONSULTATION

- 2.8. All consultation was organised by South Cambridgeshire District Council and preceded publication of its Statement of Community Involvement. The SEA consultation bodies and selected other key consultees were consulted in April 2008 on the content of the scoping report addendum. The draft SA Report was included in the public consultation alongside that for the draft SPD carried out in June 2008.

DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

- 2.9. The main difficulty in carrying out this assessment of an SPD is that it's role is to implement policies that have already been subject to appraisal, and subsequently adopted. A pragmatic approach has been sought to identify any specific additional impacts of the SPD, as opposed to unnecessarily repeating appraisals.

3. SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES, BASELINE AND CONTEXT

- 3.1. The sustainability objectives, baseline and context to be used in the sustainability appraisal of the SPD were created through the LDF Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report, in combination with the Scoping Report Addendum prepared for the appraisal of this SPD.

LINKS TO OTHER STRATEGIES, PLANS, PROGRAMMES AND SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES

- 3.2. The Open Space in New Developments SPD will supplement policies in the adopted Development Control Policies Development Plan Document relating to provision of open space and recreation. Links with wider plans and programmes are provided in the LDF Scoping Report, and the Scoping Report Addendum.

THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS AND THE PREDICTED FUTURE BASELINE

- 3.3. The description of the social, environmental and economic baseline characteristics and the predicted future baseline can be found in the LDF Scoping Report, and the addendum. The most up to date baseline situation can be found in the LDF Annual Monitoring Report, which includes an annual update of the LDF Scoping Report baseline data set.

MAIN SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED

- 3.4. The main social, environmental and economic issues and problems are identified in the LDF Scoping Report, and the addendum.

4. THE SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL FRAMEWORK

4.1. The issues identified in the LDF Scoping Report and Addendum were used to define a set of objectives, decision-making criteria and relevant baseline indicators, which collectively comprise the SA Framework. The Framework is presented below.

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES

SA Topic	SA objectives	Decision Making Criteria
Land and Water Resources	1.1 Minimise the irreversible loss of undeveloped land and productive agricultural holdings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it use land that has been previously developed? • Will it use land efficiently? • Will it protect and enhance the best and most versatile agricultural land?
	1.2 Reduce the use of non-renewable resources including energy sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption? • Will it lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable sources?
	1.3 Limit water consumption to levels supportable by natural processes and storage systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce water consumption? • Will it conserve ground water resources?
Biodiversity	2.1 Avoid damage to designated sites and protected species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it protect sites designated for nature conservation interest?
	2.2 Maintain and enhance the range and viability of characteristic habitats and species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it conserve species, reversing declines, and help to enhance diversity? • Will it reduce habitat fragmentation? • Will it help achieve Biodiversity Action Plan targets?

SA Topic	SA objectives	Decision Making Criteria
	2.3 Improve opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and wild places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it improve access to wildlife, and wild places? • Will it improve access to the wider countryside through the network of public rights of way? • Will it maintain and, where possible, increase the area of high-quality green space in the District? • Will it promote understanding and appreciation of wildlife?
Landscape, townscape and archaeology	3.1 Avoid damage to areas and sites designated for their historic interest, and protect their settings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it protect or enhance sites, features of areas of historical, archaeological, or cultural interest (including conservation areas, listed buildings, registered parks and gardens and scheduled monuments)?
	3.2 Maintain and enhance the diversity and distinctiveness of landscape and townscape character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it maintain and enhance the diversity and distinctiveness of landscape and townscape character? • Will it protect and enhance open spaces of amenity and recreational value? • Will it maintain and enhance the character of settlements?
	3.3 Create places, spaces and buildings that work well, wear well and look good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it improve the satisfaction of people with their neighbourhoods as places to live? • Will it lead to developments built to a high standard of design and good place making?

SA Topic	SA objectives	Decision Making Criteria
Climate change and pollution	4.1 Reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses and other pollutants (including air, water, soil, noise, vibration and light)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases? • Will it improve air quality? • Will it reduce traffic volumes? • Will it support travel by means other than the car? • Will it reduce levels of noise or noise concerns? • Will it reduce or minimise light pollution? • Will it improve water quality including by reducing diffuse and point source water pollution?
	4.2 Minimise waste production and support the recycling of waste products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce household waste? • Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?
	4.3 Limit or reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change (including flooding)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it minimise risk to people and property from flooding, storm events or subsidence?
Healthy Communities	5.1 Maintain and enhance human health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it substantially reduce mortality rates? • Will it encourage healthy lifestyles, including travel choices?
	5.2 Reduce and prevent crime, and reduce the fear of crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce actual levels of crime? • Will it reduce fear of crime?
	5.3 Improve the quantity and quality of publicly accessible open space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it increase the quantity and quality of publicly accessible open space?

SA Topic	SA objectives	Decision Making Criteria
Inclusive communities	6.1 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities (e.g. health, transport, education, training, leisure opportunities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it improve accessibility to key local services and facilities, including health, education and leisure (shops, post offices, pubs etc)? • Will it improve quality and range of key local services and facilities, including health, education and leisure (shops, post offices, pubs etc)? • Will it improve accessibility by means other than the car, and improve the attractiveness of environmentally better modes including public transport, cycling and walking? • Will it support and improve community and public transport?
	6.2 Redress inequalities related to age, gender, disability, race, faith, location and income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it improve relations between people from different backgrounds or social groups? • Will it reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected? • Will it promote accessibility for all members of society, including the elderly and disabled?
	6.3 Ensure all groups have access to decent, appropriate and affordable housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it support the provision of a range of housing types and sizes, including affordable and key worker housing, to meet the identified needs of all sectors of the community? • Will it reduce the number of unfit homes? • Will it meet the needs of the travelling community?
	6.4 Encourage and enable the active involvement of local people in community activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions? • Will it encourage engagement with community activities?

SA Topic	SA objectives	Decision Making Criteria
Economic Activity	7.1 Help people gain access to satisfying work appropriate to their skills, potential and place of residence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it encourage businesses development? • Will it improve accessibility to employment by means other than the car? • Will it improve the range of employment opportunities to provide a satisfying job or occupation for everyone who wants one? • Will it encourage the rural economy and diversification?
	7.2 Support appropriate investment in people, places, communications and other infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it improve the level of investment in key community services and infrastructure? • Will it support provision of key communications infrastructure, including broadband? • Will it improve access to education and training, and support provision of skilled employees to the economy?
	7.3 Improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it improve business development and enhance competitiveness? • Will it support the Cambridge area's position as a world leader in research and technology based industries, higher education and research, particularly through the development and expansion of clusters? • Will it support sustainable tourism? • Will it protect the shopping hierarchy, supporting the vitality and viability of Cambridge, town, district, and local centres?

5. APPRAISAL OF THE SPD OBJECTIVES

5.1. Central to the Sustainability Appraisal process is the testing of the objectives of the SPD guidance against a Sustainability Appraisal Framework. The SPD objectives outline the purpose of the SPD and its aims. It is important that the overall SPD objectives are consistent with the concept of sustainable development. This has been assessed by testing whether the SPD objectives are compatible with the Sustainability Appraisal objectives.

5.2. The objective of this SPD is to assist achievement of the Development Control Policies DPD objective SF/h: to ensure the proper provision and maintenance of open space and sports facilities consistent with levels of planned residential development and identified open space standards. Specific objectives for the SPD have also been prepared and are detailed below. The assessment demonstrates that the SPD objectives are either neutral or compatible with the sustainability objectives. It is therefore not considered necessary to alter the objectives of the SPD. The objectives for the SPD were included in the draft SA Report that was subject to a public consultation process and as no changes were necessary as a result of this they remain unchanged in the final SA Report.

5.3.

SPD OBJECTIVES

- Assist applicants gain planning permission quickly by informing them what contributions are required and why, as well as how provision and payments should be made;
- Ensure that Parish Councils and/or the local community are involved in decisions that affect public open space provisions within new developments;
- Ensure that new facilities provided are appropriately designed to maximise amenity;
- Ensure that facilities provided are properly managed and maintained for maximum community benefit.

Sustainability Appraisal Objectives [abridged in some cases]	Assessment			Comments / Proposed Mitigation
	Short	Med.	Long	
1.1 Minimise irreversible loss of undeveloped land and productive agricultural holdings	~	~	~	
1.2 Reduce the use of non-renewable resources including energy	(+)	(+)	(+)	
1.3 Limit water consumption to sustainable levels	~	~	~	
2.1 Avoid damage to designated sites and protected species	~	~	~	
2.2 Maintain / enhance range and viability of characteristic habitats and species	~	~	~	
2.3 Improve opportunities for people to access the countryside and wild places	~	~	~	
3.1 Avoid damage to designated historic sites and their settings	~	~	~	
3.2 Maintain diversity and distinctiveness of landscape and townscape	++	++	++	
3.3. Create places and spaces that look good and work well	++	++	++	
4.1 Reduce emission of greenhouse gases and other pollutants	~	~	~	
4.2 Minimise waste production and support recycling	~	~	~	
4.3 Limit or reduce vulnerability to flooding and other climate change impacts	~	~	~	
5.1 Maintain and enhance human health	+	+	+	
5.2 Reduce and prevent crime and the fear of crime	~	~	~	
5.3 Improve the quantity and quality of publicly accessible open space	++	++	++	
6.1 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities	++	++	++	
6.2 Redress inequalities in age, gender, race, location, faith, disability, etc.	++	++	++	
6.3 Ensure all groups have access to decent, appropriate and affordable housing	~	~	~	
6.4 Encourage and enable active involvement of local people in the community	+	+	+	
7.1 Help people gain access to satisfying work appropriate to skills, potential and location	~	~	~	
7.2 Support appropriate investment in people, places, communications and infrastructure	~	~	~	
7.3. Improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	~	~	~	

KEY

++ Likely to contribute considerably to the achievement of the sustainability objective

+ Likely to contribute somewhat to the achievement of the sustainability objective

- Likely to conflict somewhat with the achievement of the sustainability objective

-- Likely to conflict considerably with the achievement of the sustainability objective

~ Negligible effect on the achievement of the sustainability objective

0 No identifiable relationship with the sustainability objective

? Level of effect on the achievement of the sustainability objective unclear

6. PLAN ISSUES AND OPTIONS

MAIN STRATEGIC OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND HOW THEY WERE IDENTIFIED

- 6.1. The detailed content of the SPD and its position in the wider plan structure limited the number of strategic alternatives that were considered. This is due to its role in assisting the implementation of adopted policies from the Development Control Policies DPD. The two scenarios considered by this appraisal are therefore:

Option 1	Business As Usual (implementing the adopted Development Control Policies DPD without published detailed guidance)
Option 2	SPD Option (provide additional planning guidance on open space, sport and recreation provision by means of a Supplementary Planning Document)

- 6.2. It is not considered reasonable to appraise any more detailed options, given the constraints provided by the existing adopted policies, and the detailed requirements of the SPD being based on detailed background studies.

ASSESSING OPTIONS FOR THE SPD

- 6.3. The Sustainability Appraisal Matrix in appendix 1 provides an overview of how the two options of 'Business As Usual' or 'SPD Option' have been compared by assessing them against the sustainability objectives.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OPTIONS

- 6.4. **BUSINESS AS USUAL:** relying on the Development Control Policies DPD is not anticipated to have an adverse effect on any of the SA Objectives. However, the policies alone could contribute less to the sustainability objectives than the SPD, as their implementation will be more problematic, and it will be more difficult to achieve appropriate recreation provision. Appraisals of the Development Control Policies DPD policies this SPD will provide additional guidance on the implementation of, are attached as appendix 2 of this document.
- 6.5. **SPD OPTION:** providing the supplementary guidance is not anticipated to have an adverse effect on any of the Sustainability Objectives. The production of an SPD to supplement the LDF Policies is considered to be the more sustainable option due to the benefits of providing a clear structured approach to requirements. It is not considered to have significant environmental, social or economic impacts beyond those already identified in the appraisal of the Development Plan policy.

CUMULATIVE, SECONDARY AND SYNERGISTIC EFFECTS

- 6.6. In addition to the direct impacts of the plan, it is also important to consider secondary, cumulative or synergistic effects of the SPD.

Secondary effects occur where there are a number of effects which are not a direct result of the plan but occur away from the original effect or as a result of a complex pathway.

Cumulative effects occur where several developments each have an insignificant effect but together have a significant effect.

Synergistic effects occur where effects interact to produce a total effect greater than the sum of the individual effects

- 6.7. Cumulative impacts may result from additional land developed as a result of requirement for additional land for open space from new developments. The costs of off-site provision may also have a cumulative impact with other infrastructure requirements. However these impacts would also result from the no SPD option, as requirements have been established by the DPD policy.

PROPOSALS FOR MONITORING

- 6.8. The LDF Scoping Report included a monitoring framework. This is considered sufficient to monitor the impact of the Open Space in New Developments SPD.
- 6.9. The Significant Effects Indicators developed as part of the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping process, are included in the LDF Annual Monitoring Report. Each significant effects indicator measures progress against one of the objectives of the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.
- 6.10. Future reviews of the South Cambridgeshire Recreation Study are also anticipated.

7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1. The Development Control Policies DPD is a strategic policy document; there is a limit to the level of detail that can be included within it. Whilst it would be possible to continue to apply the Development Control policies as they stand, in this case it will not provide a clear policy framework against which planning applications may be considered. Experience has shown that there is a clear need for further guidance on how the Development Control policies will be applied. The most efficient and effective way of providing this guidance is to prepare a SPD.
- 7.2. The Open Space in New Developments SPD, once adopted will provide further guidance on the implementation of the Council's Open Space, Sport and Recreation policies. As such, it is considered more likely to create enhanced facilities than existing policy alone. Omitting the SPD would provide much less certainty in terms of the type and sizes of facilities that should be provided; the circumstances in which on-site or off-site provision could be favoured and contribution / maintenance cost required.
- 7.3. The SPD is not considered to have significant environmental, social or economic impacts beyond those already identified in the appraisal of the Development Plan Document policy.

APPENDIX 1: DETAILED APPRAISAL MATRICES

The SPD has been tested in terms of the nature of its impact (positive / negative / neutral / cannot be determined without further data); its relative magnitude (i.e. significance); and its duration over time. The symbols used in the assessments are explained below.

Symbol	Likely effect against the SA Objective
+++	Strong and significant beneficial impact
++	Potentially significant beneficial impact
+	Policy supports this objective although it may have only a minor beneficial impact
~	Policy has no impact or effect is neutral insofar as the benefits and drawbacks appear equal and neither is considered significant
?	Uncertain or insufficient information on which to determine base the assessment at this stage
-	Policy appears to conflict with the objective and may result in adverse impacts
--	Potentially significant adverse impact
---	Strong and significant adverse impact

Brackets are used primarily to show slow change in the impact, e.g. in the sequence: + / +(+) / ++. However in a small number of cases they are used as follows (+++) to indicate a likely impact which must be qualified because of lack of information at present.

Each table is followed by a summary of the principal issues identified in the assessments, and a summary outlining proposed mitigation measures and likely cumulative (and other) impacts.

COMPARISON OF THE 'NO SPD' / 'SPD' OPTIONS

Sustainability Appraisal Objectives [abridged in some cases]	NO SPD ASSESSMENT			SPD ASSESSMENT			Comments / Proposed Mitigation
	Short	Med.	Long	Short	Med.	Long	
1.1 Minimise irreversible loss of undeveloped land and productive agricultural holdings	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	There may be an absolute impact of use of land, but this will depend on the type and location of land utilised. The impact is not changed by the SPD.
1.2 Reduce the use of non-renewable resources including energy	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	May be an absolute impact from development, particularly from built facilities. The impact is not changed by the SPD.
1.3 Limit water consumption to sustainable levels	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	May be an absolute impact from development, particularly from built facilities. The impact is not changed by the SPD.
2.1 Avoid damage to designated sites and protected species	~	~	~	~	~	~	
2.2 Maintain / enhance range and viability of characteristic habitats and species	~	~	~	~	~	~	
2.3 Improve opportunities for people to access the countryside and wild places	~	~	~	~	~	~	
3.1 Avoid damage to designated historic sites and their settings	~	~	~	~	~	~	
3.2 Maintain diversity and distinctiveness of landscape and townscape	+	+	+	+	+	+	The SPD will provide more detail on design principles, and encourages

Sustainability Appraisal Objectives [abridged in some cases]	NO SPD ASSESSMENT			SPD ASSESSMENT			Comments / Proposed Mitigation
	Short	Med.	Long	Short	Med.	Long	
							consideration of local character.
3.3. Create places and spaces that look good and work well	+	+	+	+	+	+	The SPD will provide more details on requirements and design principles, in order that the facilities provided work well.
4.1 Reduce emission of greenhouse gases and other pollutants	~	~	~	~	~	~	
4.2 Minimise waste production and support recycling	~	~	~	~	~	~	
4.3 Limit or reduce vulnerability to flooding and other climate change impacts	~	~	~	~	~	~	
5.1 Maintain and enhance human health	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	A joint primary objective of the adopted policy, and the SPD. The SPD will have a more positive impact, as it will ensure the policies are implemented in an appropriate manner.
5.2 Reduce and prevent crime and the fear of crime	?	?	?	?	?	?	The SPD considers safety issues and the location of play space.
5.3 Improve the quantity and quality of publicly accessible open space	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	A joint primary objective of this policy and the SPD. The SPD should aid the implementation of quality and quantity of spaces and facilities.

Sustainability Appraisal Objectives [abridged in some cases]	NO SPD ASSESSMENT			SPD ASSESSMENT			Comments / Proposed Mitigation
	Short	Med.	Long	Short	Med.	Long	
6.1 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities	+	+	+	+	+	+	SPD provides more specific requirements to ensure provision of facilities of the correct type where they are needed.
6.2 Redress inequalities in age, gender, race, location, faith, disability, etc.	+	+	+	+	+	+	The policies, aided by the SPD, will help ensure facilities are provided where they are needed. The SPD specifically addresses the needs of disabled people.
6.3 Ensure all groups have access to decent, appropriate and affordable housing	~	~	~	~	~	~	
6.4 Encourage and enable active involvement of local people in the community	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	The SPD specifically requires consultation with the local community of the types of provision required.
7.1 Help people gain access to satisfying work appropriate to skills, potential and location	~	~	~	~	~	~	
7.2 Support appropriate investment in people, places, communications and infrastructure	~	~	~	~	~	~	
7.3. Improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	~	~	~	~	~	~	
Summary of assessment: The SPD clearly supports objectives of sustainable and inclusive communities.							
Summary of mitigation proposals: None.							
Secondary, cumulative or synergistic effects: None identified.							

APPENDIX 2: EXTRACT FROM FINAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT OF THE SCDC DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICIES DPD

POLICY SF/10 – OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE, INFORMAL OPEN SPACE AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Defines requirements for the provision of various forms of recreational space within and proportional to the scale of new development. The policy also establishes the Council's intention to seek developer contributions for these facilities.

Sustainability Appraisal Objectives [abridged in some cases]	Assessment			Comments / Proposed Mitigation
	Short	Med.	Long	
1.1 Minimise irreversible loss of undeveloped land and productive agricultural holdings	~	~	~	
1.2 Reduce the use of non-renewable resources including energy	~	~	~	
1.3 Limit water consumption to sustainable levels	~	~	~	
2.1 Avoid damage to designated sites and protected species	~	~	~	
2.2 Maintain / enhance range and viability of characteristic habitats and species	~	~	~	
2.3 Improve opportunities for people to access the countryside and wild places	~	~	~	Space is within development therefore this objective is not addressed.
3.1 Avoid damage to designated historic sites and their settings	~	~	~	
3.2 Maintain diversity and distinctiveness of landscape and townscape	++	++	++	All open space aims to provide coherent structure to the settlement and provisioning standards therefore clearly support this objective.
3.3 Create places and spaces that look good and work well	++	++	++	
4.1 Reduce emission of greenhouse gases and other pollutants	~	~	~	
4.2 Minimise waste production and support recycling	~	~	~	

Sustainability Appraisal Objectives [abridged in some cases]	Assessment			Comments / Proposed Mitigation
	Short	Med.	Long	
4.3 Limit or reduce vulnerability to flooding and other climate change impacts	~	~	~	
5.1 Maintain and enhance human health	+++	+++	+++	A joint primary objective of this policy.
5.2 Reduce and prevent crime and the fear of crime	?	?	?	Policy addresses only the provision of land, and security – particularly of children’s play space - would need to be protected by other policies.
5.3 Improve the quantity and quality of publicly accessible open space	+++	+++	+++	A joint primary objective of this policy.
6.1 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities	++	++	+	Supports provision of accessible leisure facilities.
6.2 Redress inequalities in age, gender, race, location, faith, disability, etc.	+	+	+	Open space assumed to be accessible to all.
6.3 Ensure all groups have access to decent, appropriate and affordable housing	~	~	~	
6.4 Encourage and enable active involvement of local people in the community	(+)	(+)	(+)	Implicitly supportive.
7.1 Help people gain access to satisfying work appropriate to skills, potential and location	~	~	~	
7.2 Support appropriate investment in people, places, communications and infrastructure	~	~	~	
7.3. Improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	~	~	~	
Summary of assessment: Clearly supports objectives of sustainable and inclusive communities.				
Summary of mitigation proposals: None. Separately the Council has indicated that its approach to securing funding for these amenities from developer contributions will be detailed in a separate SPD.				
Secondary, cumulative or synergistic effects: None identified.				

POLICY SF/11 – OPEN SPACE STANDARDS

Specifies the minimum requirements for providing various forms of open space for informal and formal recreation, and designates the type of facilities to be provided, these requirements being consistent with government guidance and policy SF/10.

Sustainability Appraisal Objectives [abridged in some cases]	Assessment			Comments / Proposed Mitigation
	Short	Med.	Long	
1.1 Minimise irreversible loss of undeveloped land and productive agricultural holdings	~	~	~	
1.2 Reduce the use of non-renewable resources including energy	~	~	~	
1.3 Limit water consumption to sustainable levels	~	~	~	
2.1 Avoid damage to designated sites and protected species	~	~	~	
2.2 Maintain / enhance range and viability of characteristic habitats and species	~	~	~	
2.3 Improve opportunities for people to access the countryside and wild places	~	~	~	Space is within development therefore this objective is not addressed.
3.1 Avoid damage to designated historic sites and their settings	~	~	~	
3.2 Maintain diversity and distinctiveness of landscape and townscape	+++	+++	+++	All open space aims to provide coherent structure to the settlement and provisioning standards therefore clearly support this objective.
3.3 Create places and spaces that look good and work well	+++	+++	+++	
4.1 Reduce emission of greenhouse gases and other pollutants	~	~	~	
4.2 Minimise waste production and support recycling	~	~	~	
4.3 Limit or reduce vulnerability to flooding and other climate change impacts	~	~	~	

Sustainability Appraisal Objectives [abridged in some cases]	Assessment			Comments / Proposed Mitigation
	Short	Med.	Long	
5.1 Maintain and enhance human health	+++	+++	+++	A joint primary objective of this policy.
5.2 Reduce and prevent crime and the fear of crime	?	?	?	Policy addresses only the provision of land, and security – particularly of children’s play space - would need to be protected by other policies.
5.3 Improve the quantity and quality of publicly accessible open space	+++	+++	+++	A joint primary objective of this policy.
6.1 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities	++	++	+	Supports provision of accessible leisure facilities.
6.2 Redress inequalities in age, gender, race, location, faith, disability, etc.	+	+	+	Open space assumed to be accessible to all.
6.3 Ensure all groups have access to decent, appropriate and affordable housing	~	~	~	
6.4 Encourage and enable active involvement of local people in the community	(+)	(+)	(+)	Implicitly supportive.
7.1 Help people gain access to satisfying work appropriate to skills, potential and location	~	~	~	
7.2 Support appropriate investment in people, places, communications and infrastructure	~	~	~	
7.3. Improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	~	~	~	
Summary of assessment: As for SF/10, however the definition focuses on the basic infrastructure and the desirability of a suitable, secure location which is extensively overlooked is not mentioned. We understand that these issues will be addressed in a separate SPD to be issued subsequently.				
Summary of mitigation proposals: See above.				
Secondary, cumulative or synergistic effects: Play space and other forms of open space are a further resource competing for limited land within a new development and this impact should not be overlooked. However other policies – notably DP/5 (cumulative development) are consistent, encouraging development in larger chunks to improve coherence and greater flexibility in integrating the need for this space with increased housing density.				

POLICY DP/4 – INFRASTRUCTURE AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Coordinates the provision of a wide range of infrastructure in parallel with new development to ensure it is supported appropriately, and establishing the intention to seek developer contributions.

Sustainability Appraisal Objectives [abridged in some cases]	Assessment			Comments / Proposed Mitigation
	Short	Med.	Long	
1.1 Minimise irreversible loss of undeveloped land and productive agricultural holdings	(-)	(--)	(--)	There is an absolute impact of the development and supporting infrastructure on land requirements, though this must be ignored if development is mandated by national interests.
1.2 Reduce the use of non-renewable resources including energy	(-)	(--)	(--)	As above.
1.3 Limit water consumption to sustainable levels	(-)	(--)	(--)	As above.
2.1 Avoid damage to designated sites and protected species	~	~	~	
2.2 Maintain / enhance range and viability of characteristic habitats and species	?	?	?	Nature of environmental improvements is not defined, and it is not clear if contributions would be sought for habitat mitigation or compensation.
2.3 Improve opportunities for people to access the countryside and wild places	~	~	~	
3.1 Avoid damage to designated historic sites and their settings	+	+	+	Added to the list as a result of post-consultation changes.
3.2 Maintain diversity and distinctiveness of landscape and townscape	~	~	~	
3.3 Create places and spaces that look good and work well	+	+	+	Provision of infrastructure ahead of, or in parallel with development.

Sustainability Appraisal Objectives [abridged in some cases]	Assessment			Comments / Proposed Mitigation
	Short	Med.	Long	
4.1 Reduce emission of greenhouse gases and other pollutants	~	~	~	
4.2 Minimise waste production and support recycling	~	~	~	
4.3 Limit or reduce vulnerability to flooding and other climate change impacts	~	~	~	
5.1 Maintain and enhance human health	+	+	+	Positive, compared to building houses without supporting health services and other facilities.
5.2 Reduce and prevent crime and the fear of crime	~	~	~	
5.3 Improve the quantity and quality of publicly accessible open space	+	+	+	Mentioned specifically as reason for seeking contributions.
6.1 Improve the quality, range and accessibility of services and facilities	+	+	+	Intrinsically supportive.
6.2 Redress inequalities in age, gender, race, location, faith, disability, etc.	(+)	(+)	(+)	In principle it supports since costs of infrastructure required by growth in development is borne by developer and not wholly by the residents.
6.3 Ensure all groups have access to decent, appropriate and affordable housing	++	++	++	Potentially vital policy for delivering this benefit.
6.4 Encourage and enable active involvement of local people in the community	+	+	+	Some of the facilities that could be funded by contributions support this objective.
7.1 Help people gain access to satisfying work appropriate to skills, potential and location	+	+	+	Educational facilities provided in parallel with occupation of the development.
7.2 Support appropriate investment in people, places, communications and infrastructure	+++	+++	+++	The principal objective of this policy.

Sustainability Appraisal Objectives [abridged in some cases]	Assessment			Comments / Proposed Mitigation
	Short	Med.	Long	
7.3 Improve the efficiency, competitiveness, vitality and adaptability of the local economy	+	+	+	Implicitly supportive.
Summary of assessment: An essential policy given the nature and scope of development that ensuring equitable distribution of the costs of new infrastructure to support the new development, and ensuring a basic level of infrastructure is provided as the site is occupied. Contribution arrangements are crucial to meeting some objectives, notably affordable housing.				
Summary of mitigation proposals: Define environmental improvements that might be funded more clearly (we understand the Council will address this in a Supplementary Planning Document).				
Secondary, cumulative or synergistic effects: None; the policy aims to prevent cumulative effects of development on the broader existing community infrastructure. Overall, the absolute impact of the scale of the development should not be overlooked.				

APPENDIX 3: COMPLIANCE WITH THE SEA DIRECTIVE

SEA Directive Requirement	Covered In
Preparation of an Environmental Report, detailed below (Article 5).	The Environmental Report is imbedded within the Sustainability Appraisal which accompanies the SPD.
(a) an outline of the contents, main objectives of the plan and relationship with other relevant plans and programmes;	Provided in section 1 of this report.
(b) the relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without implementation on the plan;	Provided in the Scoping Report and Scoping Report Addendum.
(c) the environmental characteristics of areas likely to be significantly affected;	Provided in the Scoping Report and Scoping Report Addendum.
(d) any existing environmental problems which are relevant to the plan including, in particular, those relating to any areas of a particular environmental importance, such as areas designated pursuant to Directives 79/409/EEC and 92/43/EEC;	Provided in the Scoping Report and Scoping Report Addendum.
(e) the environmental protection objectives, established at international, Community or Member State level, which are relevant to the plan and the way those objectives and any environmental considerations have been taken into account during its preparation;	Provided in the Scoping Report and Scoping Report Addendum.
(f) the likely significant effect (1) on the environment, including on issues such as biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climatic factors, material assets, cultural heritage including architectural and archaeological heritage, landscape and the interrelationship between the above factors; These effects should include secondary, cumulative, synergistic, short, medium and long-term permanent and temporary, positive and negative effects;	Appendix 1 and appendix 2 of this report.
(g) the measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan;	No significant adverse impacts were identified as a result of the SPD.

SEA Directive Requirement	Covered In
(h) an outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with, and a description of how the assessment was undertaken including any difficulties (such as technical deficiencies of lack of know how) encountered in compiling the required information;	Section 6 of this report.
(i) a description of the measures envisaged concerning monitoring in accordance with Article 10;	Section 6 of this report, in combination with the LDF Scoping Report, and the Annual Monitoring Report.
(j) a non-technical summary of the information provided under the above headings;	
Consult responsible environmental authorities on the scope and level of detail of the information which must be included in the environmental report.	LDF Scoping Report and the Scoping Report Addendum were subject to consultation with the environmental authorities.
Consult with responsible environmental bodies – the Countryside Agency, Environment Agency, English Heritage, English Nature – and the public on the draft plan and the Environment Report before the plan is adopted (Article 6).	The responsible environmental bodies have been consulted on this report and the draft SPD.
Take into account the Environment Report and consultation responses during the preparation of the plan before it is adopted (Article 8).	Responses will be taken into account in bringing the SPD forward for adoption.
When a plan is adopted Responsible environmental bodies and the public and other relevant bodies will be informed of (Article 9): (a) The plan as adopted; (b) A statement summarizing how environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan, how any consultation responses have been taken into account and the reasons for choosing the plan as adopted; (c) The measures for monitoring.	Relevant bodies and organisations will be informed at adoption.
Monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of plans to identify at an early stage unforeseen adverse effects and so to take remedial action (Article 10).	The LDF Scoping Report includes measures and indicators for monitoring the sustainability objectives.