

Appendix I: Statement on Compliance with SEA Directive & Regulations

The EU SEA Directive¹ (Annex 1) requires certain information to be provided in the Environmental Report. This requirement is implemented into UK legislation through the SEA Regulations (2004)². This is Appendix 1 of the Sustainability (Integrated) Report that constitutes the Environmental Report as required by the SEA Directive and the UK SEA Regulations.

This Appendix 1 sets out how the requirements for SEA have been met and signposts where this information is found in the Sustainability Appraisal Report (December 2017) –and in accordance with paragraph 165 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2012)³.

SEA Directive & Regulation Requirements	SA Report Section	Summary of Contents
<i>An outline of the contents, main objectives of the plan and relationship with other relevant plans</i>	Section 1: Introduction and Section 7 SA Report; Appendix III	Sets out the vision and main objectives of the Draft Central Bedfordshire Local Plan (CBLP); compatibility of Plan Strategic Objectives with SA Objectives detailed in appendix and findings summarised in Section 7 of main report; updated in Section 8.
	Section 3: Context & Baseline Appendix II	Summarises the relationship with other relevant plans and the implications for the Draft CBLP; details provided in SA Scoping Report and as Appendix II (available separately on Council's website) to this Initial SA Report
<i>The relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without the implementation of the plan</i>	Section 3: Context & Baseline Appendix II	Summarises the relevant baseline conditions for sustainability (including the state of relevant environmental aspects) in the CBLP area, and likely evolution without the Plan.

¹ <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eia/sea-legalcontext.htm>

² <http://www.parliament.uk/documents/post/postpn223.pdf>

³ https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/6077/2116950.pdf

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<i>The environmental characteristics of the area likely to be affected</i>	Section 3: Context & Baseline	Summarised in Section 3 of Main Initial SA Report; details provided in SA Scoping Report and as Appendix II (available separately on Council's website) to this Initial SA Report
<i>Any existing environmental problems which are relevant to the plan including, in particular, those in relation to any areas of a particular environmental importance</i>	Section 3: Context & Baseline	Summarises existing sustainability (including environmental problems) for the CBLP area.
<i>The environmental protection objectives relevant to the plan and the way those objectives and any environmental considerations have been taken into account during its preparation</i>	Section 2: SA Methods Section 3: Context & Baseline Appendix II	Provides the summary of objectives for sustainability in the CBLP area (including environmental objectives) and the implications of these objectives for the Draft CBLP. Detailed SA Framework guiding assessment of effects against the Objectives.
<i>The likely significant effects 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</i>	Section 2: Sustainability Appraisal Methods Table 2.2 Appendix II	Presents the SA Framework of objectives that shows which of the issues listed by the SEA Regulations are progressed by which SA objectives. This ensures that all the issues are considered during the assessment of each element of the Draft CBLP. All options, policies and site allocations are assessed against SA objectives.
	Section 5: SA of the Strategic Options Section 6: SA of DM Policies Section 7: SA of Reg 18 draft Plan Section 8: SA of Reg 19 Plan Appendices IV to VII	Summarises the likely significant effects of implementing the Draft CBLP (including environmental effects) with details provided in the appendices. Where possible, an indication is given of whether the effect is likely to be cumulative, short, medium and long term.

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<i>The measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan</i>	Section 5: SA of the Strategic Options Section 6: SA of DM Policies Section 7: SA of Reg 18 Draft Plan Appendices Section 8: SA of Reg 19 Plan IV to VII	Where potential significant negative effects are predicted, the SA has sought to provide suggestions for mitigation possibilities. These are provided in Sections 5-7 of the SA Report and in the appraisal matrices (Appendices IV-VII).
<i>An outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with, and a description of how the assessment was undertaken including any difficulties encountered in compiling the required information</i>	Section 4: Options & Alternatives Section 5: Strategic Options Section 8: SA of Reg 19 Plan Appendix VIId	Section 4 explains how the assessment was undertaken. The potential strategic options were appraised through SA and the details are provided in appendices IV & V. The reasons for progressing options & not taking others forward is outlined in Section 5, including table 5.12 Strategic Options and 5.7 for the Growth Locations. Reasons for selection/rejection of strategic options for allocation and identified areas for future growth outlined in Table 8.1; for non-strategic site options in Appendix VIId.
<i>A description of the measures envisaged concerning monitoring</i>	Sections 2 & 3 Methods & Context, Baseline	Outlines how the assessment was undertaken – the appraisal methodology and difficulties encountered in compiling information are noted.
<i>A description of the measures envisaged concerning monitoring</i>	Section 10: Proposed Monitoring	Provides measures proposed for monitoring the sustainability (and environmental) effects of the implementation of the Draft CBLP.

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<i>A non-technical summary of the information provided under the above headings</i>	Report preface (available separately)	Provides a non-technical summary.