

Ipswich Local Plan

Annex to Post-Submission Main Modifications Sustainability Appraisal
Report Addenda - Addressing Recommendations
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Introduction

Sustainability appraisal, incorporating the requirements for Strategic Environmental Assessment, involves the assessment of each Ipswich Local Plan policy against defined sustainability objectives. It has been carried out at each stage of plan preparation, including the Post-Submission Main Modifications to the Proposed Submission Core Strategy and Policies development plan document review (known as the 'Core Strategy review') and the Proposed Submission Site Allocations and Policies (incorporating IP-One Area Action Plan) development plan document (known as the 'Site Allocations Plan'), October 2016.

The full Sustainability Appraisal reports can be viewed on the Council's website at www.ipswich.gov.uk.

Review of Recommendations

The sustainability appraisal addenda, which consider the impacts of the Post-Submission Main Modifications to the Local Plan, contain several recommendations for mitigation. They relate to the Post-Submission Main Modifications to Core Strategy review policy DM34 Countryside, and the Post-Submission Main Modification to the Site Allocations Plan policy SP5 to allocate land at Futura Park, Nacton Road, site reference IP141a, as employment land, rather than a Strategic Employment Site (previous allocation policy CS13). The sustainability appraisal recommendations are set out in the table below. The right hand column of the table indicates where an amendment has been incorporated into the Local Plan in response to the recommendation, or if this was not considered necessary, how the recommendation would be addressed through other policies.

The remainder of the recommendations contained in the addendum reports repeat recommendations made at earlier stages in plan preparation, which the Council has addressed through the document 'Annex to Proposed Submission Sustainability Appraisal Reports – Addressing Recommendations December 2014' which can be viewed in the Core Document Library, reference LPCD36.

Policy	SA recommendation / conclusion	Amendment/Justification
DM34	It is recommended that should major residential development be permitted, adequate waste and recycling facilities should be provided.	This is addressed by policy DM5: clause g. refers to waste storage provision and paragraph 9.56 states that 'Provision for waste storage should support the aim to increase recycling.'
DM34	It is recommended that should major development be permitted in the countryside, adequate public transport should also be provided.	This is addressed by policy DM17: clause f. refers to public transport within 400m of new development.
SP5 IP141a	However, construction waste can be partly mitigated by maximising reuse and recycling, and operational waste can be mitigated by encouraging waste separation and collection	This is addressed through CS4, which aims to minimise the amount of waste generated during construction and throughout the lifetime of a building, and the DM5 requirement for waste

	measures, or potentially more specific reuse, recycling or composting schemes.	storage to be incorporated, which can support waste recycling (paragraph 9.56).
SP5 IP141a	Sustainable modes of transport should be encouraged.	This is addressed through policy DM17 and also the site sheet prepared for the site allocation, which refers to the need for a transport assessment and travel plan.
SP5 IP141a	It is recommended that during construction, and where appropriate operation, features should incorporate sustainability measures (e.g. energy efficiency measures, water efficiency and recycling, waste separation areas) and SuDS features.	This is addressed through policies DM1 (in relation to energy efficiency and water efficiency), CS4 and DM5 (in relation to waste recycling) and DM4 in relation to SuDS.
SP5 IP141a	Where appropriate SuDS should be incorporated into design.	This is addressed by DM4 which requires the appropriate application of SuDS.
SP5 IP141a	The function of the wildlife corridor should be maintained by preserving or replacing, and creating and enhancing appropriate habitat into and through the site. The sites should be accompanied by appropriate survey and measures to protect nearby biodiversity features.	This is addressed through DM31 and the site sheet also refers to the adjacent wildlife corridor.
SP5 IP141a	It is recommended that design should be in keeping with existing surroundings.	This is addressed through policy DM5 and also DM8 in relation to heritage assets.
SP5 IP141a	Linkages between businesses should be sought with the existing employment areas. This would extend the scope of investment in the area. The cumulative effect of these sites is likely to be positive in combination with the existing employment areas.	The site is well located in the Nacton Road corridor adjacent to Employment Areas 14 and 15 and, therefore, well placed to enable such linkages to be established. Accessibility is addressed through CS5 and DM17.
SP5 IP141a	Secured by design principles should be considered during the design stage.	Safety and security is addressed through policy DM5, clause a. referring to safe layouts, and c. to promoting safe and secure communities.