

Appendix 1: Compliance with SA Directive

The National Planning Policy Guidance says:

What is required at the scoping stage?

The scoping stage (Stage A) must identify the scope and level of detail of the information to be included in the sustainability appraisal report. It should set out the context, objectives and approach of the assessment; and identify relevant environmental, economic and social issues and objectives.

Although the scoping stage is a requirement of the process, a formal scoping report is not required by law but is a useful way of presenting information at the scoping stage. A key aim of the scoping procedure is to help ensure the sustainability appraisal process is proportionate and relevant to the Local Plan being assessed.

When deciding on the scope and level of detail of the information that must be included in the report, the plan-maker must consult the consultation bodies. Where a consultation body decides to respond, it should do so within five weeks of receipt of the request. (See regulation 12(5) and 12(6) of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.)

Content requirements for Strategic Environmental Assessment	Where covered in this Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report
Context of the assessment.	Appendix 3, Baseline Data Section 5 of main report, Sustainability Issues
Objectives and Approach of the Assessment	Appendix 4, SA Objectives Appendix 5, SA Framework
Identify relevant environmental, economic and social issues	Appendix 2: Literature Review
Consult consultation bodies	Page 9 of the main report.