

29 April 2016

Dear Sir

**Re: Broads Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal Objectives - focused consultation**

I am writing to you to consult with you on minor changes to two Sustainability Appraisal Objectives for the Broads Local Plan.

Please note that we have already scoped the SA and you have seen the Interim SA.

The Sustainability Scoping Report is here (Nov 2014):

<http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/planning/planning-policies/development/future-local-plan>

The Interim Sustainability Scoping Report (Feb 2016) is here:

[http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/710858/Broads-Local-Plan-Issues-and-Options-Interim-SA-Final.pdf](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/710858/Broads-Local-Plan-Issues-and-Options-Interim-SA-Final.pdf)

Which SA Objectives would we like to change?

SOC6: To improve the quality, range and accessibility of community services and facilities.

ENV10: To achieve the highest quality of design that is innovative, imaginative, and sustainable and reflects local distinctiveness.

Why do we want to change the SA Objectives?

After using the SA Objectives at the first stage of producing the Local Plan and also using them in relation to assessing flood risk, it has become apparent that two of the SA Objectives could be improved to be clearer in their wording as well as more consistent with the NPPF. In particular SOC6 as worded could only be applied to the provision of new services rather than assessing the location of a site and its accessibility to existing services.

What are the changes?

ENV10: To achieve the highest quality of design that is innovative, **imaginative**, and sustainable and reflects local distinctiveness.

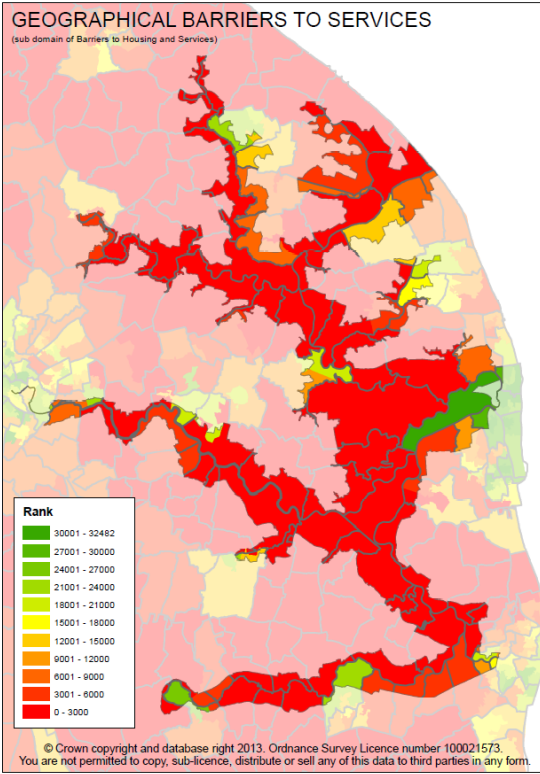
SOC6a: To improve the quality, range and accessibility of community services and facilities

***SOC6b: To ensure new development is sustainability located with good access by means other than a private car to a range of community services and facilities.***

### Changes to the SA Framework.

Please note that there is no change to ENV10.

For SOC6a and b, no new decision making criteria have been added, but the questions moved to relate to the two SOC6 objectives.

SA Objective	SEA General Theme	Reason	Link to Literature Review	Decision making criteria/prompting questions. Positive impact: + or ++ Not appropriate: N/A Neutral: 0 Negative impact: - or – Uncertain/depends on implementation: ?
SOC6a: To improve the quality, range and accessibility of community services and facilities.	Population and human health. Inclusive communities.	 <p>With a sparse population, it can be difficult to maintain essential rural services such as shops, post offices and public transport.</p>	Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2010.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the allocation/policy for a key service?</li> <li>Will the policy/allocation affect public transport, walking and cycling?</li> <li>Does the policy/allocation relate to Local Green Space?</li> <li>Will routes be functional and accessible for all?</li> <li>Will routes be safe and attractive public spaces?</li> <li>Does it consider the needs of the most vulnerable users first: pedestrians, then cyclists, then public transport users, specialist vehicles like ambulances and finally other motor vehicles?</li> </ul>
SOC6b: To ensure new development is sustainability located with good access by means other than a private car to a range of community services and facilities.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the allocation/policy within walking distance (800m) from Key Services (primary school; secondary school; convenience shop; village hall; primary health care; library; public transport)?</li> <li>Is the allocation within a settlement boundary?</li> <li>Will it support the retention of key facilities and services ensuring that local needs are met locally wherever possible or alternative sustainable access is provided?</li> <li>Will the policy/allocation affect public transport, walking and cycling?</li> <li>Will routes be functional and accessible for all?</li> <li>Will routes be safe and attractive public spaces?</li> <li>Does it consider the needs of the most vulnerable users first: pedestrians, then cyclists, then public transport users, specialist vehicles like ambulances and finally other motor vehicles?</li> </ul>

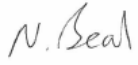
Deadline for comments

27 May 2016, 4pm.

That is a four week consultation period.

I look forward to receiving your comments on these changes.

Yours sincerely

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