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SA of the Oadby and Wigston Local Plan: Pre-Submission

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## **Appendix 1**

Consultation comments received in relation to the SA Scoping Report and SA of the Preferred Options

**Table A1.1: Consultation comments received in relation to the first draft SA Scoping Report (August-September 2014)**

This table was originally presented in Appendix 2 of the final SA Scoping Report (August 2015). References to page numbers, paragraph numbers etc. all relate to those in the first draft SA Scoping Report. Note that in some cases the comments received and the Council's responses have now been superseded by SA work undertaken since then.

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| English Heritage (Historic England as of April 1 2015) | General comment                                       | We have reviewed the Scoping Report and have the following detailed comments for you. Please note that English Heritage have produced guidance entitled 'Strategic Environmental Assessment, Sustainability Appraisal and The Historic Environment.' Where we have made comment, below, further guidance on how to address these issues can be found in this document. This can be downloaded from: <a href="http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/strategic-environmentassessment-sustainabilityappraisal-historic-environment/SA_SEA_final.pdf">http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/strategic-environmentassessment-sustainabilityappraisal-historic-environment/SA_SEA_final.pdf</a> | Noted.  |
| English Heritage (Historic England as of April 1 2015) | Chapter 2 and Appendix 1: Relevant Plans and Policies | We are concerned that there are no references here (and within appendix 1) to documents in relation to historic environment considerations, other than the NPPF. We consider that this should be reviewed to include relevant documents relating to the historic environment, for example references to legislation such as the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. Reference should also be made to county wide and local documents such as the Leicestershire Historic Landscape Characterisation Project and Conservation Area Appraisals.<br><br>Further information in relation to documents to consider, can be found in our guidance.   | Noted and agree in part. Action required.<br><br>This is a strategic review of the whole policy context and therefore it is not essential to drill down to every specific document on every specific topic.<br><br>However, as suggested, it is agreed that it would be useful to reference and provide explanation to the following documents will be incorporated in Appendix 1:<br><br><b>National:</b> <i>Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act (1990). Legislation for the protection of Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas. The Local Plan should consider this Act to ensure Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas</i> |

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|  |   |   | <p>are protected in the Plan.</p> <p><b>Leicester and Leicestershire:</b> <i>The Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Historic Landscape Characterisation (HLC) Project (2010). Seeks to manage change within the historic environment, particularly at a landscape scale. The Local Plan policies and allocations should consider taking account of the historic landscape characterisation in the Borough.</i></p> <p><b>Local:</b> <i>Oadby and Wigston Conservation Areas Supplementary Planning Document (2008). The Conservation Areas Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) provides policy guidance to ensure that the character and appearance of Borough Conservation Areas are maintained through effective management. The Local Plan should consider the need to protect and enhance the Borough's Conservation Areas and to ensure that all planning applications for sites or properties within or adjacent to these areas are given necessary consideration.</i></p> |
| English Heritage (Historic England as of April 1 2015) | Chapter 3, Paragraphs 3.22-3.23: Baseline Information – Cultural Heritage | We note the discussion relating to the cultural heritage of the Borough in paragraphs 3.22-3.23. Whilst this gives a broad overview of designated heritage assets, no further information is given regarding assets which are nondesignated; we feel the discussion could be expanded to further set out more on the general historic environment character of the area. Reference should also be made where possible to grade II listed buildings at risk, other | <p>Noted and agree in part. Action required.</p> <p>Reference to non-designated heritage assets in the Borough, such as Significant Local Buildings Schedule (Local Plan, 1999, re-issued 2010) and sites of archaeological potential, will be referenced in paragraph 3.24 (was 3.23):</p> <p><i>Historic England does not consider there to be any buildings in the Borough to be "at risk"<sup>1</sup> on</i></p>  |

<sup>1</sup> English Heritage (2013) Heritage at Risk Register: East Midlands

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|   |   | <p>nondesigned heritage assets such as locally listed buildings, and archaeological potential.</p>  | <p><i>the Heritage at Risk Register: East Midlands. The Borough does not have any Scheduled Monuments or Historic Parks and Gardens in the Borough, although, Peace Memorial Park in Wigston and Botanic Gardens in Oadby within the grounds of the University of Leicester are two gardens that are deemed to be of value to the local population. Other non-designated heritage assets in the Borough include sites with archaeological potential and buildings that the Borough Council consider to be significant local buildings<sup>2</sup>. The Council is developing an updated Significant Local Buildings Study (expected 2015/16).</i></p> <p><i>However, as stated in 3.23, the Heritage at Risk Register 2013 (English Heritage, 2013) illustrates that there are no buildings in the Borough that are considered as 'at risk'. Therefore, the Council does not consider there to be a need to elaborate on this matter.</i></p> |
| <p>English Heritage (Historic England as of April 1 2015)</p> | <p>Chapter 4, p.25: Key Sustainability Issues</p> | <p>We welcome recognition of cultural heritage and archaeology as a key sustainability issue. Under the discussion relating to the likely evolution of the issue without implementation of the plan, this relates to CS Policy 15: Landscape and Character. While this policy makes reference to archaeology, it doesn't include the broader issue of heritage assets and without the Local Plan taking account of these (now a requirement of the NPPF), this is also likely to be a significant risk to the historic environment resource of the Borough.</p> | <p>Noted and agreed. Action required.</p> <p>This section of the SA will be amended to read:</p> <p><i>Key Sustainability Issue: 10. Development pressure continues to place <b>archaeological, geological and cultural heritage</b> interests and their settings at risk.</i></p> <p><i>CS Policy 15: Landscape and Character considers the need to maintain and enhance culturally, geological and archaeological sites of interest. However, this policy doesn't include</i></p>   |

<sup>2</sup> Oadby and Wigston Local Plan, adopted 1999, reissued 2010 and 2013

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|  |   |  | <i>the broader issue of heritage assets and without the New Local Plan taking account of these (now a requirement of the National Planning Policy Framework), this is also likely to be a significant risk to the historic environment resource of the Borough.</i>   |
| English Heritage (Historic England as of April 1 2015) | Chapter 5, p.32: Sustainability Framework, SA Objective 8 (now 7) | We note the proposed framework, as set out in Table 6, which includes the SA objectives. We welcome the inclusion of SA objective 8; however consider that it should be re-worded to more closely follow the language of the NPPF. We suggest the following wording:<br><br><i>"8. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings".</i> | Noted and agreed. Action required.<br><br>The wording of SA Objective 8 (now SA Objective 7) will be changed to reflect this suggestion, throughout the document (p.32 and p.40)<br><br><i>7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.</i>  |
| English Heritage (Historic England as of April 1 2015) | Chapter 5, p.32: Sustainability Framework, SA Objective 8 (now 7) | With regard to the decision-making criteria, we consider that further criteria are required in relation to historic parks, non-designated heritage assets and conservation areas. Reference to enhancement (not just to public realm) and heritage at risk should also be included.  | Noted and agreed. Action required.<br><br>In order to reflect the new wording of SA Objective 8 (now SA Objective 7), the following decision-making criteria for this objective will be:<br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>To conserve or enhance the historic environment, designated and non-designated heritage assets, culturally valued sites, conservation areas and their settings.</i></li> <li><i>To conserve or enhance sites of archaeological importance.</i></li> <li><i>To conserve or enhance sites of architectural or historic importance.</i></li> </ul> |
| English Heritage (Historic England as of April 1 2015) | Chapter 5, p.32: Sustainability Framework, SA Objective 8 (now 7) | With regard to the site specific assumptions, we are concerned that a proximity test is being used as a gauge of harm whereby sites within 250m of a heritage asset are cited as having  | Noted and agree in part. Action required.<br><br>The Council has reviewed its approach to this decision making criteria and aligned it with   |

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|             |                                   | <p>potential to negatively affect heritage assets, with more distant developments only likely to be capable of minor effects. This is incorrect. The significance of heritage assets can be harmed through loss or destruction or development within its setting (NPPF Para. 132). Setting is defined by the NPPF as 'The surroundings in which a heritage asset is experienced. Its extent is not fixed and may change as the asset and its surroundings evolve. Elements of a setting may make a positive or negative contribution to the significance of an asset, may affect the ability to appreciate that significance, or may be neutral.' Impacts on setting are more than just visual, setting can be affected by noise, pollution and other means. Further guidance on assessing setting can be found in our guidance on this: <a href="http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/setting-heritage-assets/">http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/setting-heritage-assets/</a></p> | <p>Historic England's suggestions for best practice.</p> <p>Agreement that this is the best approach is required from HE:</p> <p><b>All development site options</b><br/> <i>The NPPF states that the 'significance [of a heritage asset] can be harmed or lost through alteration or destruction of the heritage asset or development within its setting'<sup>3</sup>. However, development could also enhance the significance of the asset (provided that the development preserves those elements of the setting that make a positive contribution to or better reveals the significance of the asset).</i></p> <p><i>In all cases, effects will be uncertain at this stage as the potential for negative or positive effects on historic and heritage assets will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features (e.g. where sympathetic development replaces a derelict Brownfield site which is currently having an adverse effect).</i></p> <p><i>As an indication of potential effects on historic and heritage assets from development of any of the site options, the following assumptions and evidence will be used:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Where a site option is more than 500m from the nearest designated heritage</i></li> </ul> |

<sup>3</sup> National Planning Policy Framework, 2012, paragraph 132.

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|                            |                                   |   | <p><i>assets, a negligible effect is most likely although this is uncertain (0?) as there is still some potential for impacts on nondesignated heritage features and effects may extend beyond 500m in exceptional cases.</i></p> <p><i>Where a site option is within 500m of a designated heritage asset, professional judgement (supplied by Planning Officers at Oadby and Wigston Borough Council) and evidence (such as Conservation Area Appraisals and information contained on the Leicestershire Historic Environment Record) will be used to inform judgements. Where there are potential impacts on multiple heritage assets this will also be taken into account.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>• Sites which have potential for heritage assets to be enhanced and their significance to be better revealed could have a minor positive (+?) or significant positive effect (++?) on this objective.</i></li> <li><i>• Sites which are unlikely to cause adverse impacts on heritage assets could have a negligible (0?) effect on this objective.</i></li> <li><i>• Sites which have the potential to cause harm to heritage assets, but can be mitigated, could have a minor negative (-?) impact on this objective.</i></li> <li><i>• Sites which have the potential to cause harm to heritage assets where it is unlikely that these can be adequately mitigated could have a significant negative (--?) impact on this objective.</i></li> </ul> |
| English Heritage (Historic | Chapter 5, p.32:                  | By using proximity as a measure of harm, this | Noted and agree in part. Action required.  |

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| England as of April 1 2015) | Sustainability Framework, SA Objective 8 (now 7) | fails to take into account the definition of setting of heritage assets and how it contributes to significance. Sites in close proximity to, or indeed within a heritage asset such as a conservation area, could offer an enhancement, whereas site a considerable distance away from a heritage asset (1km+) could have the potential to cause substantial harm. This is also important as there may be site allocations which could impact upon the setting of heritage assets in adjacent Local Authority Areas, such as Leicester City or Harborough. As written, this is a very arbitrary methodology and is not appropriate for an SA. | <p>The Council has reviewed its approach to this decision making criteria and aligned it with Historic England’s suggestions for best practice.</p> <p>Agreement that this is the best approach is required from HE:</p> <p><b>All development site options</b><br/> <i>The NPPF states that the 'significance [of a heritage asset] can be harmed or lost through alteration or destruction of the heritage asset or development within its setting'<sup>54</sup>. However, development could also enhance the significance of the asset (provided that the development preserves those elements of the setting that make a positive contribution to or better reveals the significance of the asset).</i></p> <p><i>In all cases, effects will be uncertain at this stage as the potential for negative or positive effects on historic and heritage assets will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features (e.g. where sympathetic development replaces a derelict Brownfield site which is currently having an adverse effect).</i></p> <p><i>As an indication of potential effects on historic and heritage assets from development of any of the site options, the following assumptions and evidence will be used:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Where a site option is more than 500m from the nearest designated heritage</i></li> </ul> |

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|                            |                                   |  | <p><i>assets, a negligible effect is most likely although this is uncertain (0?) as there is still some potential for impacts on nondesignated heritage features and effects may extend beyond 500m in exceptional cases.</i></p> <p><i>Where a site option is within 500m of a designated heritage asset, professional judgement (supplied by Planning Officers at Oadby and Wigston Borough Council) and evidence (such as Conservation Area Appraisals and information contained on the Leicestershire Historic Environment Record) will be used to inform judgements. Where there are potential impacts on multiple heritage assets this will also be taken into account.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>• Sites which have potential for heritage assets to be enhanced and their significance to be better revealed could have a minor positive (+?) or significant positive effect (++?) on this objective.</i></li> <li><i>• Sites which are unlikely to cause adverse impacts on heritage assets could have a negligible (0?) effect on this objective.</i></li> <li><i>• Sites which have the potential to cause harm to heritage assets, but can be mitigated, could have a minor negative (-?) impact on this objective.</i></li> <li><i>• Sites which have the potential to cause harm to heritage assets where it is unlikely that these can be adequately mitigated could have a significant negative (--?) impact on this objective.</i></li> </ul> |
| English Heritage (Historic | Chapter 5, p.32:                  | We are also concerned at the statement | Noted and agree in part. Action required.  |

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| England as of April 1 2015) | Sustainability Framework, SA Objective 8 (now 7) | <p>“detailed impacts on the setting of individual historic assets cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application.” The purpose of the SA/SEA process is to help ensure that sites allocated within a Local Plan for development are sustainable. While a full and very detailed analysis for every heritage asset is not appropriate, a degree of determining impacts upon significance and setting (not based on proximity) is required at this stage, to ensure that allocations are sound. It is not appropriate to leave this to the development management stage as in some cases, the principle of development of some sites may not be acceptable due to harm caused to heritage assets.</p> | <p>The Council has reviewed its approach to this decision making criteria and aligned it with Historic England’s suggestions for best practice.</p> <p>Agreement that this is the best approach is required from HE:</p> <p><b>All development site options</b><br/> <i>The NPPF states that the ‘significance [of a heritage asset] can be harmed or lost through alteration or destruction of the heritage asset or development within its setting’55. However, development could also enhance the significance of the asset (provided that the development preserves those elements of the setting that make a positive contribution to or better reveals the significance of the asset).</i></p> <p><i>In all cases, effects will be uncertain at this stage as the potential for negative or positive effects on historic and heritage assets will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features (e.g. where sympathetic development replaces a derelict Brownfield site which is currently having an adverse effect).</i></p> <p><i>As an indication of potential effects on historic and heritage assets from development of any of the site options, the following assumptions and evidence will be used:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Where a site option is more than 500m from the nearest designated heritage</i></li> </ul> |

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| English Heritage (Historic | Chapter 5, p.32:                  | Finally we are concerned that the assumptions | Noted and agree in part. Action required.  |

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| England as of April 1 2015) | Sustainability Framework, SA Objective 8 (now 7) | <p>for site options states that potential effects on built and historic assets will also be uncertain as mitigation may be achieved to avoid adverse impacts and could even result in beneficial effects. Firstly, this appears to suggest that all potential sites will score as an uncertain effect. As stated above, a degree of determining impacts is required by the SEA/SA. Secondly, there appears to be some confusion regarding 'mitigation' as this is required where there is harm. Beneficial impacts or enhancements are entirely separate to this.</p> <p>We consider that this section needs reconsidering and amending. We suggest the following:</p> <p><i>"All development of site options</i></p> <p><i>Development of sites has the potential to affect heritage assets and/or their setting. Site allocations may cause harm to these or provide an opportunity for enhancement (e.g. through the replacement of a building that currently detracts from the character and appearance of a conservation area.) This will need to be carefully considered and assessed through the SA using a holistic approach reliant upon professional opinion. Impacts likely to be determined utilising evidence base studies including Conservation Area Appraisals, characterisation studies, historic landscape characterisation, Management Plans, and information contained on the Leicestershire Historic Environment Record. In</i></p> | <p>The Council has reviewed its approach to this decision making criteria and aligned it with Historic England's suggestions for best practice.</p> <p>Agreement that this is the best approach is required from HE:</p> <p><b><i>All development site options</i></b><br/> <i>The NPPF states that the 'significance [of a heritage asset] can be harmed or lost through alteration or destruction of the heritage asset or development within its setting'<sup>4</sup>. However, development could also enhance the significance of the asset (provided that the development preserves those elements of the setting that make a positive contribution to or better reveals the significance of the asset).</i></p> <p><i>In all cases, effects will be uncertain at this stage as the potential for negative or positive effects on historic and heritage assets will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features (e.g. where sympathetic development replaces a derelict Brownfield site which is currently having an adverse effect).</i></p> <p><i>As an indication of potential effects on historic and heritage assets from development of any of the site options, the following assumptions and evidence will be used:</i></p> |

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|             |                                   | <p><i>some cases, impacts may be uncertain, as it may be that the principle of development affecting a heritage asset is acceptable, however potential for negative or positive effects on cultural heritage assets will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development. The sensitivity and significance of heritage assets affected will inform the assessment of whether a site is likely to be suitable. Where there are potential impacts on multiple heritage assets this will also be taken into account.</i></p> <p><i>As an indication of potential effects on heritage assets from development of any of the potential sites for, the following will be considered:</i></p> <p><i>Are there designated heritage assets within the site (e.g. listed buildings)?</i></p> <p><i>Are there designated heritage assets adjacent to the site?</i></p> <p><i>Is the site within the setting of a heritage asset?</i></p> <p><i>Is the site within a Conservation Area?</i></p> <p><i>Are there known archaeological deposits within the site?</i></p> <p><i>Is there a likelihood of archaeological deposits within the site?</i></p> <p><i>On the basis of this sites can be scored in the following way:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Sites which have potential for heritage</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Where a site option is more than 500m from the nearest designated heritage assets, a negligible effect is most likely although this is uncertain (0?) as there is still some potential for impacts on nondesignated heritage features and effects may extend beyond 500m in exceptional cases.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Where a site option is within 500m of a designated heritage asset, professional judgement (supplied by Planning Officers at Oadby and Wigston Borough Council) and evidence (such as Conservation Area Appraisals and information contained on the Leicestershire Historic Environment Record) will be used to inform judgements. Where there are potential impacts on multiple heritage assets this will also be taken into account.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Sites which have potential for heritage assets to be enhanced and their significance to be better revealed could have a minor positive (+?) or significant positive effect (++?) on this objective.</i></li> <li><i>Sites which are unlikely to cause adverse impacts on heritage assets could have a negligible (0?) effect on this objective.</i></li> <li><i>Sites which have the potential to cause harm to heritage assets, but can be mitigated, could have a minor negative (-?) impact on this objective.</i></li> <li><i>Sites which have the potential to cause harm to heritage assets where it is unlikely that these can be adequately mitigated</i></li> </ul> |

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|  |                                   | <p><i>assets to be enhanced and significance better revealed will have a minor positive (+) or significant positive effect (++) on this objective.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Sites which are unlikely to cause adverse impacts on heritage assets will have a negligible (0) effect on this objective.</i></li> <li>• <i>Sites which have the potential to cause harm to heritage assets, but can be mitigated, will have a minor negative (-) impact on this objective.</i></li> <li>• <i>Sites which have the potential to cause harm to heritage assets where it is unlikely that these can be adequately mitigated will have a significant negative (--) impact on this objective."</i></li> </ul> | <p><i>could have a significant negative (--?) impact on this objective.</i></p>  |
| English Heritage (Historic England as of April 1 2015) | Chapter 6: Monitoring             | <p>We note the monitoring indicators. We consider that these should be expanded as they relate only to archaeology and conservation areas. Topics such as heritage at risk, listed buildings should be covered. Further suggested indicators can be found in our guidance.</p>   | <p>Noted and agreed. Action required.</p> <p>Regarding 'Proposed Indicators' to measure the significant effects of SA Objective 7, the following indicators will be added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of Listed Buildings (all grades) in the Borough</li> <li>• Number and percentage of Listed Buildings at Risk (all grades)</li> </ul>              |
| English Heritage (Historic England as of April 1 2015) | General comment                   | <p>Given our concerns, as raised above, we are concerned that the document, as written, falls short of the requirements of the SEA directive. This document requires some amendment in relation to the historic environment plans, policies, programmes, baseline, sustainability issues, site specific questions and assessment in order to meet this. Our guidance provides further information on how this can be achieved. We are happy to provide further advice and</p>  | <p>Noted and agreed in part. Action required.</p> <p>The Council has made a number of changes to its Draft SA Scoping Report and every attempt will be made to liaise with Historic England to reach an agreed position on each aspect highlighted in the comments received.</p> <p>For the purpose of positive and inclusive planning, it is important that the Council has</p> |

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|                    |  | review any amendments proposed on the basis of our comments, if required.  | the support and an open rapport with the statutory bodies throughout the development of its New Local Plan and accompanying SA/SEA. Therefore, the involvement and expertise of Historic England will be welcomed at each and every stage of consultation.  |
| Environment Agency | Chapter 3, Para 3.10<br>Water Quality and Flood Risk | <p>We note the references to the Water Framework Directive within the table in respect of Policy, Plans, Programmes Strategy yet the Environment Agency River Water Quality (2009) – (GQA) is referred to in table 2 of this Chapter.</p> <p>The GQA method has now been superseded by the EU Water Framework Directive, which came into force in 2000 and was transposed into UK law by The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations, 2003.</p> <p>Under the Water Framework Directive, water quality assessments use a new, tougher methodology which focuses on the ecological health of waters. Up to 37 measures of water quality are used to assess the ecological status of water bodies. Water bodies are then classed as having high / good / moderate or poor ecological status.</p> <p>The aim of the Water Framework Directive is for water bodies to achieve good ecological status by 2015 unless the water body has been heavily modified by human impact (e.g. for navigation and flood risk management purposes) whereby the objective is to achieve good ecological</p> | <p>Noted and agreed. Action required.</p> <p>Paragraph 3.10 and Table 2 within the document will be amended accordingly to reflect what Annex B Humber River Basin District states regarding water quality in the River Sence from Burton Brook to Countesthorpe Brook.</p> <p>Paragraph 3.10 will now state:</p> <p><i>The River Sence is the main River in Oadby and Wigston borough. It flows from east to west through the centre of the Borough and the Grand Union Canal is located slightly north of the River Sence and generally follows a similar path. Table 2 shows the river quality classification for the River Sence from Burton Brook to Countesthorpe Brook. The Environment Agency classifies this stretch of the River Sence as 'moderate' in terms of ecological health of the water<sup>5</sup>.</i></p> <p>Table 2 has been amended accordingly.</p> |

<sup>5</sup> Environment Agency, Water for Life and Livelihoods, River Basin Management Plan, Annex B Humber River Basin District, 2009, p.1564

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|                    |                                      | <p>potential by 2027. The Water Framework Directive also requires that there is no deterioration in the ecological status of the water bodies.</p> <p>The current ecological status and objectives for each water body in Oadby &amp; Wigston are reported in Annex B of the Humber River Basin Management Plan, a copy of which is available at:<br/> <a href="http://publications.environment-agency.gov.uk/pdf/GENE0910BSQT-E-E.pdf">http://publications.environment-agency.gov.uk/pdf/GENE0910BSQT-E-E.pdf</a></p> <p>The Humber River Basin Management Plan also includes general actions for Local Planning Authorities (Table C.9 on Pages 93 – 97 of Annex C), which include promoting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the inclusion of water re-use and efficiency;</li> <li>- sustainable drainage systems;</li> <li>- green infrastructure in new developments.</li> </ul> |  |
| Environment Agency | Chapter 4, Key Sustainability Issues | <p>We feel that <u>water issues</u> have not been addressed at all as a Sustainability Issue. We consider that protection of <u>water quality</u> for both ground and surface water needs including as an issue. This would be in line with SA Objective 10.</p>  | <p>Noted and agreed. Action required.</p> <p>See changes to Key Sustainability Issue 7 as listed below.</p> <p><b>Sustainability Issue:</b></p> <p><i>7. Pressures on land for new development will further exacerbate risk of <b>flooding</b> and <b>climate change</b>, thus requiring efficient water management solutions in new development.</i></p> <p><b>Likely evolution of the issue without implementation of the Local Plan:</b></p> <p><i>Core Strategy Policy 9 (Flood Risk and the Water Environment) specifically considers the</i></p> |

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|                    |                                      |  | <i>issue of protecting water quality and use to minimise flood risk and designing the issue out as part of new development by avoiding growth in flood risk areas. However, without the issue being addressed within the emerging New Local Plan, then there is a danger that flood risk and sustainable management of water may not be considered adequately as part of future developments coming forward.</i>   |
| Environment Agency | Chapter 4, Key Sustainability Issues | Water is a scarce resource and should not be wasted. Efficient use of water in both business and residential development is essential. <u>Water efficiency</u> could be a new issue and we would suggest that it is included together with energy efficiency as per SA Objective 13. | <p>Noted and agreed. Action required.</p> <p>Key Sustainability Issue 7 has been amended to incorporate this issue:</p> <p><b>Sustainability Issue:</b></p> <p><i>7. Pressures on land for new development will further exacerbate risk of <b>flooding</b> and <b>climate change</b>, thus requiring efficient water management solutions in new development.</i></p> <p><b>Likely evolution of the issue without implementation of the Local Plan:</b></p> <p><i>Core Strategy Policy 9 (Flood Risk and the Water Environment) specifically considers the issue of protecting water quality and use to minimise flood risk and designing the issue out as part of new development by avoiding growth in flood risk areas. However, without the issue being addressed within the emerging New Local Plan, then there is a danger that flood risk and sustainable management of water may not be considered adequately as part of future developments coming forward.</i></p> |
| Environment Agency | Chapter 4, Key                       | The availability <u>water for supply</u> is clearly an   | Noted and agreed. No action required.  |

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|                    | Sustainability Issues                | important issue for the SA. Water companies are responsible for providing potable water and they set out how this is to be achieved in Water Resource Plans. Managing water for supply is complex and needs to factor in variables such as leakage, storage, climate change and population among other things. It is also important to recognise that water for supply is managed on a large scale in water resource zones. In this way the source of water does not need to be local to the point of supply. Water can also be moved between water resource zones over long distances. Local water issues as identified in the Catchment Abstraction Management plans are therefore not relevant in terms of water for supply. On this basis it is unlikely that development will impact on water resources in the river Welland. |   |
| Environment Agency | Chapter 4, Key Sustainability Issues | Water companies' plans are reviewed on a five yearly basis, but set out how water will be made available for the next 25 years. There has been extensive consultation on these documents and so Local Authorities should have inputted to them and identified their future water needs. The 2014 plan has recently been published and will be an important document to reference in this Scoping Report.   | <p>Noted and agreed. Action required.</p> <p>Reference to this document will be added to the Policy Review in Appendix 1, under Regional documents:</p> <p><b>Regional:</b></p> <p>Severn Trent Water Business Plan 2015-20: Better Value, Better Services and a Healthier Environment. An overview of what Severn Trent are doing, why they are doing it and how they are keeping prices down. This includes a summary of their ten customer-driven objectives and a summary of the foundations on which they have built their plan (2015-20).The Local Plan should take account of Severn Trent's Plan and the Borough Council should regularly consult Severn Trent on any</p> |

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| Environment Agency | Chapter 4, Key Sustainability Issues | We note the inclusion of <u>flood risk</u> as a Sustainability Issue. We would suggest that the wording of the issue is re-worded to put the emphasis on avoidance of building in areas of flood risk through the application of the flood risk sequential test rather than mitigation measures to design out flood risk. | <p>emerging consultation documents.</p> <p>Noted and agreed. Action required.</p> <p>Key Sustainability Issue 7 has been amended to incorporate this issue:</p> <p><b>Sustainability Issue:</b></p> <p><i>7. Pressures on land for new development will further exacerbate risk of <b>flooding</b> and <b>climate change</b>, thus requiring efficient water management solutions in new development.</i></p> <p><b>Likely evolution of the issue without implementation of the Local Plan:</b></p> <p><i>Core Strategy Policy 9 (Flood Risk and the Water Environment) specifically considers the issue of protecting water quality and use to minimise flood risk and designing the issue out as part of new development by avoiding growth in flood risk areas. However, without the issue being addressed within the emerging New Local Plan, then there is a danger that flood risk and sustainable management of water may not be considered adequately as part of future developments coming forward.</i></p> |
| Environment Agency | Chapter 4, Key Sustainability Issues | Surface water flooding resulting from new developments can be designed out by the use of SUDS.  | Noted and agree. However, it is felt that the draft wording of Key Sustainability Issue 7 adequately meets the requirement of assessing water management and flooding risk and that it is not necessary to specifically refer to Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) because this level of detail would be addressed at a later stage, when considering the New Local Plan policies when determining planning  |

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|             |                                   |                  | <p>applications on sites where water and flood risk management is deemed to be appropriate.</p> <p><b>Sustainability Issue:</b></p> <p><i>7. Pressures on land for new development will further exacerbate risk of <b>flooding</b> and <b>climate change</b>, thus requiring efficient water management solutions in new development.</i></p> <p><i>Likely evolution of the issue without implementation of the Local Plan:</i></p> <p><i>Core Strategy Policy 9 (Flood Risk and the Water Environment) specifically considers the issue of protecting water quality and use to minimise flood risk and designing the issue out as part of new development by avoiding growth in flood risk areas. However, without the issue being addressed within the emerging New Local Plan, then there is a danger that flood risk and sustainable management of water may not be considered adequately as part of future developments coming forward.</i></p> <p>However, the assumptions used for SA Objective 9 in relation to water resources does now draw reference to SuDS:</p> <p><i>While it is recognised that new development in any location may offer good opportunities to incorporate water management systems, including Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS), development of new housing on Greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where</i></p> |

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|                    |  |   | <p><i>the sites are large in size or are within high risk flood zones.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Sites that are entirely or mainly on Greenfield land that is within flood zones 2, 3a and 3b are likely to have a significant negative (--) impact.</i></li> <li><i>Sites that are either entirely or mainly on Greenfield outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b, or that are entirely or mainly on Brownfield within flood zones 2, 3a or 3b are likely to have a minor negative (-) impact.</i></li> <li><i>Sites that are on Brownfield land outside flood zones 2, 3a or 3b are likely to have a negligible (0) impact.</i></li> </ul> |
| Environment Agency | Chapter 5, Sustainability Appraisal Framework: SA Objective 10                   | <p>SA10 should reference provision of water supply and efficient use of water.</p> <p>An assumption within SA10 should be "avoidance of building in areas of flood risk".</p> | <p>Noted and agree in part. Action required.</p> <p>The Council is of the view that SA Objective 10 (now 9) sufficiently incorporates the need to consider the efficient use and supply of water.</p> <p>Under the 'SA Sub-Objectives' section of Table 7, the following bullet point will be added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>To inform developments at risk of being built in a flood risk area.</i></li> </ul>   |
| Environment Agency | Chapter 6, Monitoring Indicators, Table 7 (now Table 8): SA Objective 10 (now 9) | We would suggest that the words "flood defence" are replaced by the words "flood risk".   | <p>Noted and agreed. Action required.</p> <p>The indicator will now read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Number of planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on either flood risk or water quality grounds.</i></li> </ul>   |
| Environment Agency | Chapter 6, Monitoring Indicators, Table 7 (now                                   | The success of SAO 20 on waste could also be measured by total waste arising and number of  | Noted and agreed in part. Action required.  |

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|                    | Table 8): SA Objective 20 (now 19)                   | fly tipping incidents.   | <p>The wording for SA Objective 19 (formerly 20) has changed to better reflect the Baseline Information and therefore, the Proposed Indicators have also changed.</p> <p><i>19. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Percentage of household waste recycled</i></li> <li>• <i>Collected household waste per person (KG).</i></li> </ul>   |
| Environment Agency | Appendix 1: Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes | Within the European section, reference is made to The Waste Framework Directive 2008. This Directive has been revised. This European Directive applies to people responsible for producing, keeping, transporting, recycling, recovering or disposing of waste. Revisions to the Directive were implemented in England and Wales through the Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011. | <p>Noted and agreed. Action required.</p> <p>The text associated to this section of Appendix 1 will be amended as follows:</p> <p><b>European:</b></p> <p><i>The EU Waste Framework Directive (2008) (Revised) 2008/98/EC</i></p> <p><b>Objective or Requirement:</b></p> <p><i>This European Directive applies to people responsible for producing, keeping, transporting, recycling, recovering or disposing of waste.</i></p> <p><b>Implications for the Local Plan and the SA:</b></p> <p><i>The New Local Plan should consider the Directive.</i></p> <p><b>National:</b></p> <p><i>The Waste (England and Wales) (Amendment)</i></p> |

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|                    |  |  | <p><i>Regulations 2012</i></p> <p><b>Objective or Requirement:</b></p> <p><i>From 1 January 2015, waste collection authorities must collect waste paper, metal, plastic and glass separately. It also imposes a duty on waste collection authorities, from that date, when making arrangements for the collection of such waste, to ensure that those arrangements are by way of separate collection.</i></p> <p><b>Implications for the Local Plan and the SA:</b></p> <p><i>The Local Plan should consider this document when developing its waste policy.</i></p> |
| Environment Agency | Appendix 1: Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes | <p>Additional Plans and Programmes that we feel should be included within Appendix 1:-</p> <p>Soar Abstraction Licensing Strategy - Feb 2013:</p> <p>This document sets out our strategy to manage the removal of water so that the needs of people and the environment are met sustainably.</p> | <p>Noted and agreed. Action required.</p> <p>This document will be added to the Regional Policy Review in Appendix 1:</p> <p><b>Regional:</b></p> <p><i>Environment Agency: Soar Abstraction Licensing Strategy (2013)</i></p> <p><b>Objective or Requirement:</b></p> <p><i>This document sets out our strategy to manage the removal of water so that the needs of people and the environment are met sustainably.</i></p> <p><b>Implications for the Local Plan and the SA:</b></p>   |

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|                    |  |   | <i>The Local Plan should consider this document when developing its water management and ecological policies.</i>  |
| Environment Agency | Appendix 1: Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes | <p>Additional Plans and Programmes that we feel should be included within Appendix 1:-</p> <p>Flood and Water Management Act 2010:</p> <p>The Flood and Water Management Act, 2010 takes forward some of the proposals from the Future Water and Making Space for Water publications and the UK Government's response to Sir Michael Pitt's Review of the Summer 2007 floods.</p> <p>The Act gives the Environment Agency a strategic overview of flood risk management in England and upper tier authorities responsibility for preparing and putting in place strategies to manage flood risk from groundwater, surface water and ordinary watercourses in their areas.</p> | <p>Noted and agreed. Action required.</p> <p>This document will be added to the National Policy Review in Appendix 1:</p> <p><b>National:</b></p> <p><i>Flood and Water Management Act (2010)</i></p> <p><b>Objective or Requirement:</b></p> <p><i>The Act gives a strategic overview of flood risk management in England and upper tier authorities responsibility for preparing and putting in place strategies to manage flood risk from groundwater, surface water and ordinary watercourses in their areas.</i></p> <p><b>Implications for the Local Plan and the SA:</b></p> <p><i>The Local Plan should consider this document when developing its flood risk management policy.</i></p> |
| Environment Agency | Appendix 1: Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes | <p>Additional Plans and Programmes that we feel should be included within Appendix 1:-</p> <p>National Flood &amp; Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for England:</p> <p>The Strategy considers the level of flood risk and how it might change in the future; the risk</p>  | <p>Noted and agreed. Action required.</p> <p>This document will be added to the National Policy Review in Appendix 1:</p> <p><b>National:</b></p> <p><i>National Flood &amp; Coastal Erosion Risk</i></p>  |

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|                    |  | <p>management measures that may be used; roles &amp; responsibilities; future funding; and the need for supporting information.</p>  | <p><i>Management Strategy for England (2011)</i></p> <p><b>Objective or Requirement:</b></p> <p><i>The Strategy considers the level of flood risk and how it might change in the future; the risk management measures that may be used; roles &amp; responsibilities; future funding; and the need for supporting information.</i></p> <p><b>Implications for the Local Plan and the SA:</b></p> <p><i>The Local Plan should consider this document when developing its flood risk management policy.</i></p>  |
| Environment Agency | Appendix 1: Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes | <p>Additional Plans and Programmes that we feel should be included within Appendix 1:-</p> <p>River Trent Catchment Flood Management Plan:</p> <p>The River Trent Catchment Flood Management Plan (CFMP) gives an overview of flood risk from all sources (e.g. rivers, groundwater, surface water etc.) for each river catchment now and over the next 50-100 years. The CFMP takes into account the likely impacts of climate change; the effect of how we use and manage land; and how areas could be developed to meet our present day needs without comprising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.</p> <p>Oadby &amp; Wigston Borough is covered by Policy option 6 – “Take action to increase the frequency of flooding to deliver benefits locally or elsewhere, which may constitute an overall flood risk reduction (for example for habitat</p> | <p>Noted and agreed. Action required.</p> <p>This document will be added to the Regional Policy Review in Appendix 1:</p> <p><b>Regional:</b></p> <p><i>The River Trent Catchment Flood Management Plan (CFMP) (2010)</i></p> <p><b>Objective or Requirement:</b></p> <p><i>Provides an overview of flood risk from all sources (e.g. rivers, groundwater, surface water etc.) for each river catchment now and over the next 50-100 years.</i></p> <p><b>Implications for the Local Plan and the SA:</b></p> <p><i>The Local Plan should consider this document</i></p> |

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|                    |  | inundation)".  | <i>when developing its flood risk management policy.</i>   |
| Environment Agency | Appendix 1: Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes | <p>Additional Plans and Programmes that we feel should be included within Appendix 1:-</p> <p>Environment Agency's Groundwater Protection: Policy and Practice (GP3):</p> <p>Our GP3 documents describe how we manage and protect groundwater now and for the future. Development proposals should follow guidelines set out in Part 4. The document sets out clearly what we consider is acceptable in different locations.</p> | <p>Noted and agreed. Action required.</p> <p>This document will be added to the National Policy Review in Appendix 1:</p> <p><b>National:</b></p> <p><i>Environment Agency's Groundwater Protection: Policy and Practice (GP3) (2013)</i></p> <p><b>Objective or Requirement:</b></p> <p><i>The Environment Agency's GP3 documents describe how we manage and protect groundwater now and for the future. Development proposals should follow guidelines set out in Part 4. The document sets out clearly what we consider is acceptable in different locations.</i></p> <p><b>Implications for the Local Plan and the SA:</b></p> <p><i>The Local Plan should consider this document when developing its water management policy.</i></p> |
| Environment Agency | Appendix 1: Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes | <p>Additional Plans and Programmes that we feel should be included within Appendix 1:-</p> <p>East Midlands Regional Waste Strategy:</p> <p>Whilst the policies and proposals within the Regional Waste Strategy for the East Midlands (January 2006) no longer have any statutory force under planning legislation, the evidence</p>  | <p>Noted and agreed. Action required.</p> <p>This document will be added to the Regional Policy Review in Appendix 1:</p> <p><b>Regional:</b></p> <p><i>East Midlands Regional Waste Strategy (2006)</i></p>   |

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|                    |  | and analysis that supports them is still relevant to the work of Oadby and Wigston BC.   | <p><b>Objective or Requirement:</b></p> <p><i>This document no longer has any statutory force under planning legislation, but the evidence and analysis that supports it is still relevant to the work of the Borough.</i></p> <p><b>Implications for the Local Plan and the SA:</b></p> <p><i>The Local Plan should consider this document when developing its waste management policy.</i></p>   |
| Environment Agency | Appendix 1: Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes | <p>Additional Plans and Programmes that we feel should be included within Appendix 1:-</p> <p>Leicestershire Municipal Waste Management Strategy:</p> <p>Leicestershire Waste Partnership (LWP), for which Oadby &amp; Wigston BC is an associate member, has a Municipal Waste Management Strategy which sets out the objectives, policies, actions and targets to be delivered by the LWP from 2010 – 2040 in terms of municipal waste management.</p> | <p>Noted and agreed. Action required.</p> <p>This document will be added to the County Policy Review in Appendix 1:</p> <p><b>Leicester and Leicestershire:</b></p> <p><i>Leicestershire Municipal Waste Management Strategy</i></p> <p><b>Objective or Requirement:</b></p> <p><i>Leicestershire Waste Partnership (LWP), for which Oadby &amp; Wigston BC is an associate member, has a Municipal Waste Management Strategy which sets out the objectives, policies, actions and targets to be delivered by the LWP from 2010 – 2040 in terms of municipal waste management.</i></p> <p><b>Implications for the Local Plan and the SA:</b></p> <p><i>The Local Plan should consider this document when developing its waste management policy.</i></p> |

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| Environment Agency | Appendix 1: Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes | <p>Additional Plans and Programmes that we feel should be included within Appendix 1:-</p> <p>Humber River Basin Management Plan</p> <p>The Humber River Basin Management Plan sets out the pressures facing the water environment in the Humber River Basin District and the actions required to address them. The Plan has been prepared under the Water Framework Directive and is the first of a series of six-yearly planning cycles. It contains a series of technical annexes that set out the current state of the water environment (Annex B) and specific actions to improve the ecological status of water bodies (Annex C). A copy of the Humber River Basin Management Plan is available at: <a href="http://publications.environment-agency.gov.uk/pdf/GENE0910BSQR-E-E.pdf">http://publications.environment-agency.gov.uk/pdf/GENE0910BSQR-E-E.pdf</a></p> | <p>Noted and agreed. Action required.</p> <p>This document will be added to the Regional Policy Review in Appendix 1:</p> <p><b>Regional:</b></p> <p><i>Water for Life and Livelihoods, River Basin Management Plan, Annex B &amp; C Humber River Basin District: Water Body Tables for Rivers and Lakes in the Soar Catchment (2009)</i></p> <p><b>Objective or Requirement:</b></p> <p><i>The Humber River Basin Management Plan sets out the pressures facing the water environment in the Humber River Basin District and the actions required to address them. The Plan has been prepared under the Water Framework Directive and is the first of a series of six-yearly planning cycles. It contains a series of technical annexes that set out the current state of the water environment (Annex B) and specific actions to improve the ecological status of water bodies (Annex C).</i></p> <p><b>Implications for the Local Plan and the SA:</b></p> <p><i>The Local Plan should consider this document when developing its water management policy.</i></p> |
| Environment Agency | Appendix 1: Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes | <p>Additional Plans and Programmes that we feel should be included within Appendix 1:-</p> <p>The Natural Choice: Securing the value of nature:</p>   | <p>Noted and agreed. Action required.</p> <p>This document will be added to the National Policy Review in Appendix 1:</p> <p><b>National:</b></p>   |

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|                    |  | <p>This White Paper – the first on the natural environment for over 20 years – outlines the Government’s vision for the natural environment over the next 50 years. It places the value of nature at the centre of the choices our nation must make: to enhance our environment, economic growth and personal wellbeing.</p>   | <p><i>The Natural Choice: Securing the value of nature (2011)</i></p> <p><b>Objective or Requirement:</b></p> <p><i>This White Paper – the first on the natural environment for over 20 years – outlines the Government’s vision for the natural environment over the next 50 years. It places the value of nature at the centre of the choices our nation must make: to enhance our environment, economic growth and personal wellbeing.</i></p> <p><b>Implications for the Local Plan and the SA:</b></p> <p><i>The Local Plan should consider this document when developing its environmental management policies.</i></p> |
| Environment Agency | Appendix 1: Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes | <p>Additional Plans and Programmes that we feel should be included within Appendix 1:-</p> <p>Water Resources Management Plan:</p> <p>Severn Trent Water’s Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP) sets out the water company’s strategy for maintaining the balance between supply and demand for water up to 2035. A copy of the WRMP is available at:- <a href="http://www.stwater.co.uk/server.php?show=nav.6186">http://www.stwater.co.uk/server.php?show=nav.6186</a></p> | <p>Noted and agreed. No action required.</p> <p>This document has already been added to Appendix 1 as a result of comments from Historic England (refer to comments).</p>   |
| Environment Agency | Appendix 1: Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes | <p>Additional Plans and Programmes that we feel should be included within Appendix 1:-</p>   | <p>Noted and agreed. Action required.</p> <p>This document will be added to the County</p>  |

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|                 |  | <p>Hinckley &amp; Bosworth BC, Blaby DC &amp; Oadby &amp; Wigston BC Joint Strategic Flood Risk Assessment:</p> <p>This document is in the final stages of completion and should be included in your documentation list.</p>   | <p>Policy Review in Appendix 1:</p> <p><b>Leicester and Leicestershire:</b></p> <p><i>Hinckley &amp; Bosworth BC, Blaby DC &amp; Oadby &amp; Wigston BC Joint Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (2014)</i></p> <p><b>Objective or Requirement:</b></p> <p><i>Primary goal of the SFRA is to assess the potential flood risk of potential areas of development in the Borough.</i></p> <p><b>Implications for the Local Plan and the SA:</b></p> <p><i>The Local Plan should ensure that spatial policies take flood risk areas into account and include a policy that seeks to reduce flood risk across the Borough.</i></p> |
| Natural England | General comment  | Natural England welcomes the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping report and we are generally satisfied that the methodology and baseline information used to inform the scoping report appears to meet the requirements of the SEA Directive (2001/42/EC) and associated guidance.  | Noted. No action required.   |
| Natural England | Chapter 3, Baseline Information: Biodiversity and Geodiversity | <p>We are supportive of this section and note that it covers the designated sites within the Borough.</p> <p>We would suggest however that Green Infrastructure (GI) could be given further consideration within this section and also within the health and climatic factors sections in order to emphasise the multifunctional benefits of GI.</p> | <p>Noted and agreed. Action required.</p> <p>Additional text will be added to paragraph 3.5 to strengthen the importance and role that Green Infrastructure plays in the natural environment:</p> <p><i>"... Green Infrastructure (GI) fulfils an integral</i></p>   |

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|                 |  | <p>This would assist in ensuring that GI is an integral, cross-cutting theme throughout the assessment and demonstrate an ecosystems approach with regard to the provision of GI. Good quality local accessible green space, ecosystems and actions to manage them sustainably offer a range of benefits, e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to local green space can reduce health inequalities</li> <li>• Increased and improved accessibility to green space can help increase physical activity</li> <li>• Contact with green space can help improve health and wellbeing</li> <li>• Green space contributes to functioning ecosystem services that can have a positive influence on health. Ecosystem services can assist in adapting to the extremes of climate change, e.g. green areas have less heat-island effect than built up areas.</li> <li>• Green space can also help improve air quality and respiratory irritants. Function ecosystem services can also mitigate the risks associated with flooding from extreme rainfall events.</li> </ul> | <p><i>role in the natural environments ecosystem and it should therefore always be considered as part of any new development or decision making in the Borough”.</i></p> <p>Additional text will be added to 3.43 (health section) to reflect the benefits of GI in helping to improve health:</p> <p><i>“...Access to Green Infrastructure (GI) can reduce health inequalities and help to increase physical activity by providing people with attractive environments in which to they can exercise”.</i></p> |
| Natural England | Chapter 3, Baseline Information: Biodiversity and Geodiversity | <p>We note that protected and priority species have been mentioned within this section however we would suggest that you may want to refer to Natural England’s standing advice on this issue which you may find helpful. It is available on our website <a href="#">Natural England Standing Advice</a> to help the local planning authorities to better understand the impact of particular developments on protected or BAP species should they be identified as an issue. The standing advice also sets out when, following</p>  | <p>Noted and agreed. Action required.</p> <p>Paragraph 3.6 will be amended to include reference to Natural England’s Standing Advice on matters relating to protected species:</p> <p><i>“3.6...Where applicable, Natural England’s Standing Advice will be considered for further information relating to the protection of Biodiversity and Geodiversity”.</i></p>  |

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|                 |   | receipt of survey information, the local planning authority may need to undertake further consultation with Natural England.  |   |
|                 | Chapter 3, Baseline Information: Soil                             | We support the inclusion of this section particularly the explanation of Best and Most Versatile (BMV) agricultural land.   | Noted. No action required.<br><br>For clarity, paragraph 3.13 will be amended to state:<br><br><i>"...Grade 3 is subdivided into Grades 3a and 3b. Grades 1, 2 and 3a are judged to be 'best and most versatile' (BMV) agricultural land".</i>  |
| Natural England | Chapter 3, Baseline Information: Landscape & Visual Amenity       | We welcome the reference to the Oadby & Wigston Landscape Character Assessment within this section. We also note the reference to the National Character Areas.   | Noted. No action required.  |
| Natural England | Chapter 3, Baseline Information: Open Space, Sport and Recreation | We welcome this section as we encourage access to natural and semi natural open spaces. We would suggest that you make reference to Natural England's 'standards for accessible natural green space' (ANGSt). These standards provide a set of benchmarks, which should be used to ensure new and existing residential development, has access to nature. More information can be found on Natural England's publication, 'Nature Nearby, Accessible Green space Guidance' (March 2010), available on our website publication reference NE265.<br><br>We would also suggest that this section makes a stronger reference to Green Infrastructure (GI). The CABE Space Guidance 'Start with the Park' (2005) outlines the importance of planning around green spaces, with consideration being | Noted and agreed. Action required.<br><br>Paragraph 3.21 will be amended to incorporate references to Natural England's 'ANGSt standards' and the Town and Country Planning Association's document:<br><br>'...<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessible natural and semi-natural open spaces:<br/>Natural England's 'standards for accessible natural green space' (ANGSt)<sup>6</sup></li> <li>• Green infrastructure assets including nature reserves, hedgerows, and land with biodiversity / wildlife potential<sup>7</sup>.'</li> </ul> |

<sup>6</sup> Nature Nearby: Accessible Natural Greenspace Guidance, March 2010, Natural England

<sup>7</sup> Planning for a Healthy Environment: Good Practice Guidance for Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity (2012) [http://www.tcpa.org.uk/data/files/TCPA\\_TWT\\_GIBiodiversity-Guide.pdf](http://www.tcpa.org.uk/data/files/TCPA_TWT_GIBiodiversity-Guide.pdf)

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|                 |   | <p>given to the context of local landscape character and contribution to the wider GI network. The provision of new GI should be considered at an early stage to ensure it is deliverable at plan stage. Another useful reference is Town and Country Planning Association publication Planning for a healthy environment - good practice guidance for green infrastructure and biodiversity.</p>  |   |
| Natural England | Chapter 3, Baseline Information: Suggested Text for section on Ecosystem Services | <p>We suggest that there should also be a section on Ecosystem Services within the Scoping Report. Natural England promotes the ecosystem approach as it seeks to identify the range of ways the natural environment provides benefits to society and provides a framework for looking at whole ecosystems in decision making. Given that the SA appraises environmental effects and the interactions between effects there is an opportunity to account for the natural processes within ecosystems. An ecosystems approach emphasises the need to consider the limits of finite natural resources and services and could therefore help to identify the significance of effects as well as synergistic and cumulative effects, both important aspects of SA.</p> | <p>Noted. No action required.</p> <p>Paragraph 3.12 in the 'Soil' section of the document draws reference to 'land based ecosystems'.</p> <p>The purpose of the baseline information is to illustrate and describe the current state of the environment. The Borough Council is of the view that the existing reference to 'ecosystems' is adequate and that the Scoping Report does not require an additional section covering Ecosystem Services.</p> |
| Natural England | Chapter 6, Monitoring Indicators, Table 7   | <p>We generally welcome this section and Table 7 which sets out monitoring indicators for Oadby and Wigston Local Plan Review. We suggest the following may also be useful:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of planning applications with conditions to ensure works to manage/enhance the condition of SSSI features of interest.</li> <li>- Area of SSSIs in adverse condition as a result</li> </ul>  | <p>Noted and agree in part. Action required.</p> <p>In relation to SA Objective 7: This SA Objective has been deleted and combined into SA Objective 9 (now 8). The wording for this section of the report takes into account these comments and is set out as below:</p> <p><b>SA Objectives for which potential significant effects may be identified:</b></p>  |

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|             |                                   | <p>of development (information available from Natural England website).</p> <p>- BAP habitat - created/ managed as result of granting planning permission (monitored via planning obligations) and which meet Biodiversity Action Plan targets.</p> | <p><i>8. Protect and enhance green spaces and to provide opportunities for public access to the countryside.</i></p> <p><b>Proposed indicators:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>To protect and enhance the natural landscape and green spaces.</i></li> <li>• <i>To provide opportunities for access to the countryside.</i></li> <li>• <i>To conserve and enhance natural habitats.</i></li> <li>• <i>To conserve and enhance species protected by Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP)<sup>8</sup></i></li> <li>• <i>To protect geological SSSI's.</i></li> </ul> |

<sup>8</sup> Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust (2010) Space for Wildlife Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Biodiversity Action Plan (2010-2015)

**Table A1.2: Consultation comments received in relation to the second draft SA Scoping Report (April-May 2015)**

This table was originally presented in Appendix 3 of the final SA Scoping Report (August 2015). References to page numbers, paragraph numbers etc. all relate to those in the second draft SA Scoping Report. Note that in some cases the comments received and the Council's responses have now been superseded by SA work undertaken since then.

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| Environment Agency | General   | Thank you for including the additional documents that we referred to in our letter of 18th September 2014, with the exception of the comments made below we find the section on Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes to be acceptable.   | Noted. No action required.   |
| Environment Agency | Chapter 3<br>Paragraph 3.10,<br>Page 13.                              | Noted the change at 3.10 Table 2 to refer to Humber River Basin instead of GQA.  | Noted. No action required.   |
| Environment Agency | Chapter 4<br>Key Sustainability Issue 7<br>Page 26.                   | We are pleased to see the incorporation of water efficiency measures within the issue, but would suggest a re-wording of the issue, would be more appropriate:<br><br>"Climate Change will further exacerbate the risk of flooding and possibly lead to water shortages thus requiring efficient water management and usage solutions in new development". | Noted and agreed. Action required.<br><br>The wording of Key Sustainability Issue 7 will be changed throughout the document to:<br><br><i>Climate Change will further exacerbate the risk of flooding and possibly lead to water shortages thus requiring efficient water management and usage solutions in new development.</i> |
| Environment Agency | Chapter 6<br>Table 8, Page 43<br>SA Objective 9, Proposed Indicators. | Thank you for amending the wording within SAO9 – Proposed Indicators, from "flood defence" to "flood risk".  | Noted. No action required.   |
| Environment Agency | Appendix 1:<br>Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes               | The Waste (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2012. I note that since our letter of 18th September 2014 there have been further amendments, the 2014 amendments. Whilst there are always going to  | Noted and agreed. Action required.<br><br>The wording of the title of the document will be changed to reflect your   |

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|   | Page 51.  | be amendments it may be worth amending the text to read: The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 and subsequent amendments.  | suggestion:<br><br><i>The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 and subsequent amendments.</i>   |
| Environment Agency                                | Appendix 1:<br><br>Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes<br><br>Page 51. | Environment Agency's Groundwater Protection: Policy and Practice (GP3) (2013) – I note that the first line of text is bold, this needs correcting. I would amend the wording in the "objectives or requirement" box to read: "The Environment Agency's GP3 documents describe how groundwater is managed and protected now and for the future. Development proposals should follow... etc." | Noted and agreed. Action required.<br><br>The first sentence of the "objectives or requirements" section of the table will be amended to read:<br><br><i>The Environment Agency's GP3 documents describe how groundwater is managed and protected now and for the future.</i> |
| Environment Agency                                | Appendix 1:<br><br>Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes<br><br>Page 54  | Soar Abstraction Licensing Strategy (2013), the wording in the "Implications for the Local Plan and the SA" box need re-typing to make sense.   | Noted and agreed. Action required.<br><br>The wording in the "Implications for the Local Plan and the SA" box for this document will be changed to read: The New Local Plan should consider this document when developing the water management and ecological policies.       |
| Historic England <sup>9</sup><br>English Heritage | General   | Further to our helpful telephone conference last month, I confirm that the amended SA Scoping report, in our opinion, has addressed our outstanding concerns. We now consider that the report meets the requirements of the directive and legislation.  | Noted. No action required.  |
| Natural England                                   | General   | Natural England welcomes the opportunity to provide comments on the latest draft of the Oadby & Wigston Borough Council New Local Plan Draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report. We note from the Executive Summary that the Scoping Report is the first part of a process to appraise the New Oadby and Wigston Local   | Noted. No action required.  |

<sup>9</sup> Please note: English Heritage became known as Historic England on April 1 2015

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|                 |  | Plan. It also encompasses the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). As you know, Natural England has provided comments on the previous draft. We have the following comments to make on specific aspects of the current draft.  |                            |
| Natural England | General  | We note the aim of the New Local Plan, namely “to specifically identify new and existing land use site allocations for housing, employment and boundaries for other land use designations such as Green Wedges and Open Spaces for Sports, Recreation or Play” (paragraph 1.8). In a borough like Oadby & Wigston, much of which is urban, the preservation of existing green wedges and the extension of the green infrastructure network into the wider countryside is a particularly important consideration in the development of the local plan. Leaving aside the environmental benefits, the provision of a coherent network of multi-functional green space is essential to the health and well-being of local residents. | Noted. No action required. |
| Natural England | General  | We remain satisfied that the methodology and baseline information used to inform the scoping report appears to meet the requirements of the SEA Directive (2001/42/EC) and associated guidance. We note the actions required to meet the requirements of the SEA Directive in Table 1 and the baseline information provided in Section 3 of the Introduction.   | Noted. No action required. |
| Natural England | Chapter 3, Baseline Information:<br><br>Biodiversity and Geodiversity. | We continue to support the Biodiversity & Geodiversity section of the report. We note its reference to designated sites within and in close proximity to the Borough, including Rutland Water Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar Site which is outside the Borough but within 25km of its boundary. The only designated site within the Borough is a section of the Kilby-Foxton Canal Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) which forms part of the Grand Union Canal. Not all of the Grand Union Canal falls within the SSSI, only the section between Kilby and   | Noted. No action required. |

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|                 |   | Foxton, much of which falls within the south-eastern corner of the Borough. It includes Limedelves Quarry and the surrounding grassland.   |  |
| Natural England | Chapter 3, Baseline Information:<br><br>Biodiversity and Geodiversity Paragraph 3.5 | We suggest that the concept of Green Infrastructure should be separated out from the habitat survey information. You may want to consider including a definition of GI together with reference to the Oadby and Wigston Green Infrastructure Study (2012). | <p>Noted. Agree in part. Action required.</p> <p>The Council is of the view that the concept of Green Infrastructure in paragraph 3.5 could usefully be strengthened. However, it will not be necessary to create a separate section and therefore, this paragraph will now read:</p> <p><i>The main habitats and species that comprise the Borough's Green Infrastructure Assets have most recently been identified through the Phase 1 Habitat Survey and Biodiversity Audit (2005)<sup>10</sup>. Habitats and species discovered include Hedgerows; Wildlife sites; the Grand Union Canal; River Sence; Otters; Bats; and, Brown Hares. Green Infrastructure (GI) fulfils an integral role in the natural environments ecosystem and it should therefore always be considered as part of any new development or decision making to ensure a sustainable impact in the Borough. Natural England's Green Infrastructure Guidance<sup>11</sup> provides a greater level of detail outlining the benefits of protecting and enhancing these assets.</i></p> |

<sup>10</sup> Biodiversity in Oadby and Wigston A Plan of Action (2005)

<sup>11</sup> Green Infrastructure Guidance, p.7, [www.naturalengland.org.uk](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk)

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| Natural England | Chapter 3, Baseline Information:<br><br>Biodiversity and Geodiversity<br><br>Paragraph 3.5 | We strongly support the commitment to ensure that green infrastructure will always be considered as part of any new development or planning application (paragraph 3.5). We suggest that Green Infrastructure should feature as an integral, cross-cutting theme throughout the Sustainability Appraisal and that the benefits of green infrastructure should be included in the sections on Climatic Factors and Water Quality and Flood Risk.  | Noted and agreed Action required.<br><br>We welcome support of paragraph 3.5 and agree that reference to the benefits of Green Infrastructure could usefully be included in the sections on 'Climatic Factors' and 'Water Quality and Flood Risk'.<br><br>The changes for each section are included in the sections relating to each (below).  |
| Natural England | Chapter 3, Baseline Information:<br><br>Suggested Text for section on Ecosystem Services   | <p><b>Ecosystem Services</b></p> <p>We suggested in our previous comments that there should be a section on Ecosystem Services within the Scoping Report which we acknowledge you think is not necessary.</p> <p>We would reiterate however that given that the SA appraises environmental effects and the interactions between effects there is an opportunity to account for the natural processes within ecosystems. An ecosystems approach emphasises the need to consider the limits of finite natural resources and services and could therefore help to identify the significance of effects as well as synergistic and cumulative effects, both important aspects of SA.</p> <p>Further information on ecosystem services is available on the Defra website.</p> | Noted and agreed. Action required.<br><br>As stated in the previous consultation response, the purpose of the baseline information is to illustrate and describe the current state of the environment. The existing approach to Chapter 3 widely acknowledges the important environmental characteristics in the Borough.<br><br>However, the Council acknowledges the wider benefit of recognising 'ecosystem services' in this SA Scoping Report and therefore, a section has been added to Chapter 3, under 'Environmental Characteristics' to explain how the ecosystem services approach will be taken into account in the SA. The following wording will be included:<br><br><b>Ecosystem Services</b> |

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|             |                                   |                  | <p>Since the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MEA) was undertaken<sup>12</sup>, the need to consider the implications of planned new development in delivering and supporting ecosystem services has continued to gain recognition. Ecosystem services, defined simply, are the benefits people obtain from ecosystems<sup>13</sup> and are grouped into four main groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Provisioning</b> services (e.g. crops, water supply, trees).</li> <li>• <b>Regulating</b> services (e.g. flood regulation, climate regulation, noise regulation).</li> <li>• <b>Cultural</b> services (e.g. aesthetic, educational, and recreational benefits).</li> <li>• <b>Supporting</b> services (e.g. nutrient cycling, soil formation).</li> </ul> <p>The MEA and UK National Ecosystem Assessment<sup>14</sup> demonstrate the importance of ecosystem services to human well-being and showed that key services are being degraded and used unsustainably. At the international<sup>15</sup> and national<sup>16</sup> level there is consensus that this has to be addressed, as society is dependent on the flow of ecosystem services; people are integral parts of</p> |

<sup>12</sup> Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (2005) Millennium Ecosystem Assessment. Available at: <http://www.maweb.org/en/Index.aspx>

<sup>13</sup> Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (2005) Millennium Ecosystem Assessment. Available at: <http://www.maweb.org/en/Index.aspx>

<sup>14</sup> Available at: <http://uknea.unep-wcmc.org/Resources/tabid/82/Default.aspx>

<sup>15</sup> Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (2005) Millennium Ecosystem Assessment. Available at: <http://www.maweb.org/en/Index.aspx>

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|                 |  |   | <p><i>ecosystems and dynamic interaction exists between them and other parts of ecosystems. Furthermore, ecosystems and ecosystem services are constantly changing, driven by societal changes, which influence demand for goods and services and the way we manage our natural resources. While the SEA Regulations and Government guidance on SA do not require the consideration of ecosystem services within the assessment, there is potentially quite a bit of overlap between what the sustainability objectives are trying to achieve and the intentions to improve ecosystem services. Therefore, throughout the appraisal of Oadby and Wigston's Local Plan, the ecosystems services approach will be taken into account as appropriate.</i></p> <p>(Note: All subsequent paragraphs in Chapter 3 will change numbering after this point).</p> |
| Natural England | Chapter 3, Baseline Information:<br><br>Climatic Factors | We generally welcome this section but suggest that potential benefits of green infrastructure in mitigating against and adapting to the potential impacts of climate change should be included (see above). | <p>Noted and agreed. Action required.</p> <p>The following wording will be added to the end of paragraph 3.8 to reflect this suggestion:</p> <p><i>As part of that study, it will be important to recognise that green infrastructure plays an important role in mitigating against and adapting to the potential impacts of climate change.</i></p>   |
| Natural England | Chapter 3, Baseline                                      | One of the many benefits of green infrastructure  | Noted and agreed. Action required.   |

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|             | <p>Information:</p> <p>Water Quality and Flood Risk</p> | <p>provision is its potential role in flood risk mitigation which could be mentioned here.</p> | <p>Paragraph 3.9 will be amended to reflect this suggestion. The wording for this paragraph will now be:</p> <p><i>The Environment Agency’s assessment of relative water stress<sup>17</sup> throughout England indicates that water resources in the Oadby and Wigston area (Severn Trent Water) are under ‘moderate stress’, whilst some water providers or areas to the east and south of the UK are under ‘serious’ stress. It is predicted that the effects of climate change could further reduce supply and increase demand, therefore increasing levels of stress throughout the UK. Opportunities to include green infrastructure into new developments will be important because of the beneficial role it can play in flood risk mitigation. The Environmental Agency’s categories measuring supply and demands of water for each provider is derived from ranking classifications. Scores of less than 28 are classified as being areas where the water supply is under ‘low’ levels of stress; areas with scores of between 28 and 33 are under ‘moderate’ levels of stress; and, areas that have been allocated a score equal to or higher than 34 are classified as areas where the water supply is deemed to be under ‘severe’ levels of stress.</i></p> |

<sup>17</sup> Areas of Water Stress Final Classification (Environment Agency)

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| Natural England | Chapter 3, Baseline Information:<br><br>Soil   | We continue to support the inclusion of the section on Soil including the reference to the Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) system and the importance of preserving 'best and most versatile' (BMV) agricultural land. We welcome the statement acknowledging soil as an important natural resource for the ecosystems services it provides which include but are not limited to food production (paragraph 3.12).  | Noted. No action required.   |
| Natural England | Chapter 3, Baseline Information:<br><br>Air Quality  | In heavily built-up areas, the recognition of the cumulative impact of development as well as individual development proposals on air quality is important. We are pleased to note the commitment to undertake annual Air Quality Management Assessments even though there are no Air Quality Management Areas within the Borough (paragraph 3.15).   | Noted. No action required.   |
| Natural England | Chapter 3, Baseline Information:<br><br>Landscape and Visual Amenity                           | We continue to welcome the reference to the Oadby & Wigston Landscape Character Assessment. We are also pleased to note the reference to the Leicestershire Vales Landscape Character Area.   | Noted. No action required.   |
| Natural England | Chapter 3, Baseline Information:<br><br>Community Facilities, Open Space, Sport and Recreation | We welcome the inclusion of this section and acknowledge the reference to Natural England's 'standards for accessible natural green space' (ANGSt) as requested in our previous consultation response.<br><br>It could be placed into context as follows:<br><br>"Natural green spaces are important to our quality of life, providing a wide range of benefits for people and the environment. Evidence shows that access to natural green spaces for fresh air, exercise and quiet contemplation, has benefits for both physical and mental health. Research provides good evidence of reductions in levels of heart disease, obesity and depression where people live close to green spaces. | Noted and agreed. Action required.<br><br>The suggested wording will be added to paragraph 3.22. The paragraph will now read:<br><br><i>Natural England's 'standards for accessible natural green space' (ANGSt)<sup>70</sup> provides information on the amount and quality of accessible natural green spaces that everybody has a right to access, including all the ecosystem services we depend on in our lives. Natural green spaces are important to our quality of life, providing a wide range of benefits for people and the</i> |

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|                 |   | In addition to their potential ecological value, green spaces also help us adapt to changes in climate through their role in reducing the risk of flooding and by cooling the local environment. Where trees are present they also act as filters for air pollution".  | <i>environment. Evidence shows that access to natural green spaces for fresh air, exercise and quiet contemplation, has benefits for both physical and mental health. Research provides good evidence of reductions in levels of heart disease, obesity and depression where people live close to green spaces. In addition to their potential ecological value, green spaces also help us adapt to changes in climate through their role in reducing the risk of flooding and by cooling the local environment. Where trees are present they also act as filters for air pollution.</i> |
| Natural England | Chapter 3, Baseline Information:<br><br>Health<br><br>Paragraph 3.43  | We are pleased to note the reference to the health benefits of green infrastructure in the section on Health (paragraph 3.43).   | Noted. No action required.   |
| Natural England | Chapter 3, Baseline Information:<br><br>Health  | We welcome the reference to Green Infrastructure in reducing health inequalities and improving health and wellbeing as requested in our previous consultation response.  | Noted. No action required.   |
| Natural England | Chapter 5, Sustainability Framework<br><br>Table 7: SA Framework<br><br>SA Objective 8: Natural Environment | We note that in section 8 of the table (Biodiversity), under the sub objectives that geological SSSIs are particularly mentioned. We suggest that it would be clearer if the sub objective read as follows "protection and enhancement of nationally and locally designated sites" which would cover all SSSIs and Local Wildlife Sites. | Noted and agreed. Action required.<br><br>The fifth bullet-point in the 'SA Sub-Objectives' section for this SA Objective will be amended to reflect this suggestion.<br><br>Bullet-point five will now read:<br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Protection and enhancement of nationally and locally designated</i></li> </ul>  |

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|                 |   |  | <i>sites.</i>   |
| Natural England | Chapter 6: Monitoring<br><br>Table 8: Monitoring Indicators<br><br>SA Objective 8                     | We welcome the inclusion of monitoring indicators suggested by Natural England in Table 8, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of planning applications involving a BAP habitat being created or managed as a result of new development.</li> <li>• Number of planning applications with conditions to ensure works to manage or enhance the condition of SSSI features of interest.</li> <li>• Number of SSSIs in adverse condition as a result of development.</li> </ul>   | Noted. No action required.  |
| Natural England | Chapter 6: Monitoring<br><br>Table 8: Monitoring Indicators<br><br>SA Objective 8                     | Since most SSSIs are split into units, we would suggest that the monitoring of SSSIs in adverse condition is based on area or percentage of area rather than SSSI numbers which could be misleading.   | Noted. Action required.<br><br>Bullet-point five in the 'Proposed indicators' column of Table 8 will be amended to read: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Percentage area of SSSIs in adverse condition as a result of development.</i></li> </ul>   |
| Natural England | Appendix 1:<br><br>Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes<br><br>National – Policies and Strategies | Natural England has published information on access to good quality natural green space "Nature Nearby" Accessible Natural Green Space Guidance" to help make this a reality - <a href="http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/40004">http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/40004</a><br><br>It describes the amount, quality and level of visitor services that may be required.<br><br>ANGSt standards indicate that everyone, wherever they live, should have accessible natural green space: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• of at least 2 hectares in size, no more than 300 metres (5 minutes' walk) from home;</li> <li>• at least one accessible 20 hectare site within two</li> </ul> | Noted. Action required.<br><br>Reference to this document will be added to the Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes in Appendix 1, under 'National – Policies and Strategies'.<br><br>The following will be added;<br><br>Policy / Plan / Programme / Strategy:<br><br><i>Nature Nearby – Accessible Natural Green Space Guidance, Natural England, 2010</i><br><br>Objectives or Requirements: |

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|                 |   | <p>kilometres of home;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one accessible 100 hectare site within five kilometres of home; and</li> <li>• one accessible 500 hectare site within ten kilometres of home; plus a minimum of one hectare of statutory Local Nature Reserves per thousand population.</li> </ul> | <p><i>This guidance paper describes the amount, quality and level of visitor services that may be required. Standards for accessible natural green space (ANGSt) indicate that everyone, wherever they live, should have accessible natural green space:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>of at least 2 hectares in size, no more than 300 metres (5 minutes' walk) from home;</i></li> <li>• <i>at least one accessible 20 hectare site within two kilometres of home;</i></li> <li>• <i>one accessible 100 hectare site within five kilometres of home; and</i></li> <li>• <i>one accessible 500 hectare site within ten kilometres of home; plus</i></li> <li>• <i>a minimum of one hectare of statutory Local Nature Reserves per thousand population.</i></li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Implications for the Local Plan and the SA:</p> <p><i>The New Local Plan should consider protecting natural green spaces and recognise the multiple benefits they could have for communities.</i></p> |
| Natural England | <p>Appendix 1:<br/>Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes</p> <p>National – Policies and Strategies</p> | <p>CABE's 'Start with the Park' (2005) guidance outlines the importance of planning around green spaces, with consideration being given to the context of local landscape character and contribution to the wider Green Infrastructure network.</p>  | <p>Noted. Action required.</p> <p>Reference to this document will be added to the Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes in Appendix 1, under 'National – Policies and Strategies'.</p> <p>The following will be added;</p>  |

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|                 |  |   | <p>Policy / Plan / Programme / Strategy:</p> <p><i>Start with the Park, CABI, 2005.</i></p> <p>Objectives or Requirements:</p> <p><i>This guidance outlines the importance of planning around green spaces, with consideration being given to the context of local landscape character and contribution to the wider Green Infrastructure network.</i></p> <p>Implications for the Local Plan and the SA:</p> <p><i>The New Local Plan should consider protecting green spaces and recognise the multiple benefits they could have for the local landscape character.</i></p> |
| Natural England | <p>Appendix 1:</p> <p>Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes</p> <p>National – Policies and Strategies</p> | <p>The provision of new Green Infrastructure should be considered at an early stage to ensure it is deliverable. Another useful reference is Town and Country Planning Association publication Planning for a healthy environment - good practice guidance for green infrastructure and biodiversity.</p> | <p>Noted. Action required.</p> <p>Reference to this document will be added to the Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes in Appendix 1, under 'National – Policies and Strategies'.</p> <p>The following will be added:</p> <p>Policy / Plan / Programme / Strategy:</p> <p><i>Planning for a Healthy Environment - Good Practice Guidance for Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity, TCPA, 2012.</i></p>   |

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|             |                                   |                  | <p>Objectives or Requirements:</p> <p><i>This guidance offers advice on the provision of new Green Infrastructure at an early stage to ensure it is deliverable as part of new developments.</i></p> <p>Implications for the Local Plan and the SA:</p> <p><i>The New Local Plan should consider providing green infrastructure as part of new development and recognise the multiple benefits that this could have for the local landscape character.</i></p> |

**Table A1.2: Consultation comments received in relation to the Preferred Options SA Report (November-December 2016)**

This table relates to the Preferred Options SA Report (November 2016). References to page numbers, paragraph numbers, policy numbers and names refer to that report. Page numbers and paragraph references may not be the same in this report. The policy numbering and some policy names have been updated in the Pre-Submission Local Plan and such changes have been reflected in this SA Report. Note that in some cases the comments received and the Council's responses have now been superseded by SA work undertaken since then. Some comments relate partly to the Preferred Options document itself and partly to the Sustainability Appraisal. Where this is the case, the 'Borough Council response' column includes a response to all aspects of the comment, even if they do not directly relate to the Sustainability Appraisal.

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| 9/12/16                               | Natural England | <p><b>Sustainability Appraisal Report</b></p> <p>We welcome the Preferred Options Sustainability Appraisal (SA) / Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) report and consider that the methodology and baseline information used to inform the report appears to meet the requirements of the SEA Directive (2001/42/EC) and associated guidance. We note that the</p> | The Council welcomes Natural England's comments regarding the methodology and baseline information of the SA and SEA report. |

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|                                       |  | conclusions of the SA will be made with more certainty during later stages of the Plan preparation process.   |   |
| 9/12/16                               | Hunter Page Planning On Behalf of Farmcare Ltd | The assessment of the site within the sustainability appraisal concludes that, due to its size, the site could have a significant positive impact on the provision of affordable housing. It is also concluded that the site is sustainably located in order to access a range of existing services and facilities without using the private car (criteria 2, 16, 17, 21 and 22), and could deliver on-site open space that would provide opportunities for leisure and recreation (criterion 3). Moreover, the site is free of any environmental and heritage constraints (criteria 7, 9, 10 and 11). Any adverse impacts on biodiversity can be adequately mitigated through the site's development, resulting in an enhancement of the site's biodiversity value.      | <p>The Council will be undertaking site assessment evidence base work to ensure that (if required to do so) any land identified for residential development during the Local Plan plan period up to 2031 is sustainable, located in the most appropriate location, viable and deliverable.</p> <p>The SA has been undertaken in line with the agreed SA framework and assumptions set out in Appendix 4 of the SA Report. Options have been assessed against the baseline and, in line with the precautionary principle, do not take into account potential mitigation measures, as there is no guarantee of these being delivered.</p> |
| 9/12/16                               | Hunter Page Planning On Behalf of Farmcare Ltd | The sustainability appraisal demonstrates that this site scores similarly to site ref. OWBC21 (Land at Cottage Farm, south of A6), and better than site ref. OWBC16 (Land west of Welford Road) which is situated within an Area of Archaeological Potential and a Conservation Area and is partly located within Flood Zones 2 and 3. These sites are identified as options for greenfield release sites at the end of Policy 7.1. In light of the above, land north-east of Oadby should also be considered as an option to deliver future growth within the Borough. As outlined within our representations on the Draft Oadby and Wigston Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2015 report (dated 23rd November 2015, and enclosed), the site is available, | Comment noted. Once preferred site allocations have been selected, the SA will document the Council's reasons for selecting or not selecting each option.   |

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|                                       |                  | <p>suitable and achievable, and is therefore deliverable in accordance with the guidance contained within the National Planning Practice Guidance. Furthermore, its development would be constitute a logical extension to Oadby and would significantly contribute towards meeting the Borough's housing need.</p>   |  |
| 13/12/16                              | Historic England | <p><b>7.2 Kilby Bridge Village Envelope</b></p> <p>The Village Envelope includes land within or partly within the Grand Union Canal Conservation Area and impact upon this must be assessed. This should also be reflected within policy 7.2, such as an additional bullet point within the objectives to read:-</p> <p>“Conserve and enhance the Grand Union Canal Conservation Area”</p> <p>It is not clear which site assessment within the Sustainability Appraisal is relevant to this policy; it is not possible to comment fully without this information.</p> | <p>An additional bullet point will be added to the Kilby Bridge Envelope policy to reference the conserving and enhancing of the Grand Union Canal Conservation Area.</p> <p>The assessment of Policy 7.2 Kilby Bridge Village Envelope considers the Grand Union Canal Conservation Area via SA objective 7 (historic environment). The SA concludes that this policy will have positive effects with regards to the historic environment, including the conservation area, as it requires new development to take account of the conservation area and to complement the area. This will be strengthened by adding the suggested additional bullet point to the policy.</p> <p>The SA does not include a site assessment for Kilby Bridge Village Envelope, as it is not a site allocation, rather it is a development management policy that is applied to all development within the village envelope.</p> <p>The Grand Union Canal Conservation Area that is situated within close proximity to any proposed development will be assessed to ascertain whether there are any impacts upon it stemming from the potential development.</p> |

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| 13/12/16                              | Historic England | <p><b>Policy 7.3 Stoughton Grange</b></p> <p>There are three Grade II Listed buildings adjacent to the site, as acknowledged within paragraph 7.14. To the east, within Harborough district, is Stoughton Conservation Area, 'Moated Grange at Stoughton' Scheduled Monument (1010482) and numerous Listed Buildings, including the II* Church of St Mary and its Cross. Further assessment will be required in relation to all heritage assets. The Sustainability Appraisal concludes that the site has a potential significant negative effect upon heritage assets. More detail is required as to what is proposed at the site.</p> | <p>Comment noted.</p> <p>The wording of the policy will be amended to suggest that any development on the site will require further assessment regarding impact upon the adjacent heritage assets.</p> <p>The SA acknowledges that '<i>the area is surrounded by a number of designated heritage assets</i>'.</p>   |
| 13/12/16                              | Historic England | <p><b>7.4 Oadby Sewage Treatment works</b></p> <p>It is not possible to assess the impact of potential future development at the site without an allocation plan. Historic England would be happy to advise further upon provision of a plan, which it is understood will be provided as part of the next consultation. It is noted that the Sustainability Appraisal site appraisal shows a potential negative impact upon heritage assets.</p>  | <p>Comment noted.</p> <p>The Pre Submission Local Plan will include allocation plans and boundary extents. The Council would appreciate Historic England's input during that stage of consultation.</p> <p>The SA has been undertaken in line with the agreed SA framework and assumptions set out in Appendix 4 of the SA Report. The SA has highlighted that development may lead to negative effects on nearby heritage assets, but that this is uncertain as this depends on the design of development.</p> |
| 13/12/16                              | Historic England | <p><b>7.5 Wigston Direction for Growth</b></p> <p>It is not possible to assess the impact of potential future development without an allocation plan. Historic England would be happy to advise further upon provision of a plan, which, again, it is understood will be provided as</p>  | <p>Comment noted.</p> <p>The Pre Submission Local Plan will include allocation plans and boundary extents. The Council would appreciate Historic England's input during that stage of consultation.</p> <p>The SA has been undertaken in line with the</p>  |

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|                                       |   | part of the next consultation.  | agreed SA framework and assumptions set out in Appendix 4 of the SA Report. A potential significant negative effect has been identified, in line with the precautionary principle. The effect is uncertain as this depends on the design of development and potential for archaeological finds.   |
| 15/12/16                              | Mary Ray & Tony Sumpter (Saffron Tree Action Group) | <p><b>Use of Language and the LUC Sustainability Assessment</b></p> <p>This isn't to get at the Forward Plans Team but rather to name the elephant in the room. Planning is shot through with contradictory language such as 'sustainable development'. Para 4.4. on page 29 is a perfect example. It's impossible to move from a net loss of biodiversity to achieving gains for the natural environment by pursuing development! It rides rough shod over all that's known about ecology. This is where NPPF priorities speak with forked tongue: biodiversity, the natural environment, and habitats, can only be damaged and diminished by building stuff. Not your fault, but it needs to be said. It creates a totally unfair setting where the natural environment will always lose out. That gives the Forward Plans Team the challenge of finding ways to shift the balance back in favour of protecting habitats and natural green spaces at every opportunity. And that doesn't have to be limited to those green assets that happen to have been audited! Your work and this plan are the only things that stand up for the Borough's local natural environment for the next 20 years. So we need you to be as robust as possible. Push the boundaries.</p> | <p>Comment noted. The new Local Plan will seek to protect all important landscape areas of the Borough from inappropriate development, as well as areas of important biodiversity and natural environment.</p> <p>'Sustainable development' is a widely recognised term to mean meeting the needs of the current generation, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs (known as the Bruntland definition). This is the core principle of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).</p> <p>Whilst it is recognised that development may lead to direct loss of biodiversity, 'net gain' is an important principle that refers to creating overall increases in biodiversity, for example through enhancing existing habitats or habitat creation. Paragraph 9 of the NPPF states that pursuing sustainable development involves '<i>moving from a net loss of biodiversity to achieving net gains for nature</i>'. This sentiment is repeated in paragraphs 11 and 152 of the NPPF. In line with this, the Local Plan seeks to secure a net gain in biodiversity through protecting and enhancing Green Infrastructure.</p> |

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| 15/12/16                              | Mary Ray & Tony Sumpter (Saffron Tree Action Group) | <p>The point made at 2.1 is closely related to our strong objections to the LUC SA changes to the wording of objectives SA7 and SA8 (non-technical summary p 10). It has been explained that the changed wording is to better enable monitoring. But it's a dramatic weakening of protection of the natural environment. Monitoring will only be of species specified by the County Biodiversity Action Plan, and nationally and locally designated sites. That dramatically reduces protection for the majority of natural green space throughout the Borough which is non-designated because of the limits of the Biodiversity Audit and Green Infrastructure Plan (see para 7 below). There's no record of local sites because they have simply not all been identified. The 'bar' for whether a site is designated has also been set ever higher for decades. Habitats are actually harder to monitor than green spaces. It's even worse when the policies are assessed against the objectives: in all the tables 'natural environment' disappears altogether and SA8 becomes merely biodiversity and geo-diversity. That's unacceptable. So the commitment to protect the natural environment that was in the Core Strategy has been sacrificed to the god of monitoring. It's a terrible backward step.</p> | <p>Comment noted. The Council received specific advice concerning the changes to the SA Objectives and their associated assumptions prior to the commencement of the consultation period and are in agreement with LUC that the changes were necessary.</p> <p>In order to make the SA Objectives more robust, focused and compliant with the SEA Regulations, LUC advised the Council to amend SA2, SA8 and to add an additional SA Objective (SA9) so that they are more able to assess the impacts of the emerging policies and site allocations in the New Local Plan.</p> <p>The Council is confident that the changes allow for a more rigorous assessment of the Local Plan's impact on biodiversity (SA8), access to the countryside (SA2) and impact upon the landscape (SA9).</p> <p>Please note that none of the key content of the 'old' version of SA8 has been deleted, it has just been re-ordered to better reflect the SEA Regulations. Please also note that SA8 does not focus solely on designated sites and we have included the assumption that 'development site options within the countryside or a green space could have a minor negative effect on biodiversity'.</p> <p>Green space is also considered in relation to SA2: Health and Wellbeing and SA objective 8: Landscape.</p> <p>SA is a strategic, high-level process that is required to assess all options in the same level of detail. Therefore SA cannot take account of</p> |

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|                                       |   |   | detailed ecological information (and much of this is not available on a consistent basis between sites). Biodiversity issues will be considered in more detail at the planning application stage.   |
| 15/12/16                              | Mary Ray & Tony Sumpter (Saffron Tree Action Group) | <p>What did the Forward Plans Team do to argue against this change? The previous wording, 'to protect and enhance the natural landscape and green spaces and provide opportunities for public access to the countryside ' should be re-instated. That wording is entirely consistent with the NPPF strategic priority re protecting the environment (para 1.20). Monitoring is pointless if the definition cuts out nearly everything at local level. This is a local plan not a regional one. You can't monitor 'making homes more liveable', or 'addressing the needs of hard to reach groups', or 'promoting diversity and religious understanding' – but they're in there. There's nothing to stop the new wording for biodiversity and geodiversity as additional objectives, without losing the commitment to the natural environment and protecting and enhancing green spaces and access to the countryside. SA8 should also retain its title of 'Natural Environment' as it's more inclusive than 'biodiversity and geodiversity'. Please rectify this terrible retrograde step as its footprints are there throughout the way Core Strategy wording has been re-framed in the draft Plan, and the LUC SA.</p> | <p>Comment noted. The Council received specific advice concerning the changes to the SA Objectives and their associated assumptions prior to the commencement of the consultation period and are in agreement with LUC that the changes were necessary.</p> <p>In order to make the SA Objectives more robust, focused and compliant with the SEA Regulations, LUC advised the Council to amend SA2, SA8 and to add an additional SA Objective (SA9) so that they are more able to assess the impacts of the emerging policies and site allocations in the New Local Plan.</p> <p>The Council is confident that the changes allow for a more rigorous assessment of the Local Plan's impact on biodiversity (SA8), access to the countryside (SA2) and impact upon the landscape (SA9).</p> <p>Please note that none of the key content of the 'old' version of SA8 has been deleted, it has just been re-ordered to better reflect the SEA Regulations. Please also note that SA8 does not focus solely on designated sites and we have included the assumption that 'development site options within the countryside or a green space could have a minor negative effect on biodiversity'.</p> <p>The title 'natural environment' was altered</p> |

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|                                       |   |  | because many of the other objectives address different aspects of the natural environment, therefore the assessment can more clearly demonstrate where different types of effect are likely to arise. For example, green space is also considered in relation to SA2: Health and Wellbeing and SA objective 8: Landscape.   |
| 15/12/16                              | Mary Ray & Tony Sumpter (Saffron Tree Action Group) | <p><b>Local Green Spaces and Green Infrastructure should be in Chapter 10: Protected Places</b></p> <p>We think the current placing in Chapter 5 on Healthy Communities is wrong conceptually. This is for several reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 10 clearly states stronger commitment to protection. The heading 'Protected Places' strengthens the message of "...conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment, including landscape." (NPPF)</li> <li>• Chapter 10 is a much more appropriate conceptual 'fit' than 'Healthy Communities'. Neither Local Green Spaces, nor Green Infrastructure fit alongside, for example, Creating a Skilled Workforce.</li> <li>• Placing in Chapter 10 gives equal treatment with Green Wedges, Countryside, Conservation Areas, and Landscape Character. Stronger protection is needed because being an urban borough, 'presumed development' puts additional pressure on the natural and historic environments.</li> <li>• In terms of ecology it makes no sense to separate Green Infrastructure and Local</li> </ul> | <p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Local Green Spaces and Green Infrastructure will be moved to Chapter 10 of the new Local Plan.</p> <p>The SA assesses each policy against the baseline, in line with the agreed assumptions presented in Appendix 4 of the SA Report. The assessment does not depend on the location of the policy within the Local Plan. The assessment matrix of Policy 5.7, as presented in Appendix 8 of the SA report, has concluded that this policy is likely to have minor positive effects on SA objectives 7 (historic environment), 8 (biodiversity) and 9 (landscape), therefore it is incorrect that this has only been considered in 'community terms'.</p> |

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|                                       |   | <p>Green Spaces from Biodiversity and Geo-diversity or Landscape as at present.</p> <p>The LUC sustainability assessment of Local Greenspace, in its current position as Policy 5.7, illustrates how placing it in 'community well being' has set the wrong conceptual framing. In Table 9 on p 21 of the non-technical summary LUC only view Local Green Spaces in terms of their contribution to SA5 and SA6 – social inclusion and integrated communities. The same appears at page 744/745 of the technical SA. (Ironically, sport scores as a positive contribution to landscape!) Only viewing the positive contributions of Local Greenspace in 'community terms' devalues the environmental and historical significance of these areas. The community has fought to protect these Local Green Spaces because they are crucial parts of our historic and natural environment and landscape (SA 7, 8, and 9). So those objectives need to be given due significance as they are the most important reasons for protection.</p> |  |
| 15/12/16                              | Landmark Planning On Behalf Of Bowbridge Land | <p><b>Policy 7.1 (pp. 66)</b></p> <p>Development site selection policy is not well considered as in town centre and development within the Leicester PUA takes precedence over the release of greenfield sites and green wedge designations.</p> <p>Assessment of SA sites indicates that Sutton Close is favourable location for housing development, despite greenfield status and potential of coalescence with existing settlements.</p>   | <p>Comment noted.</p> <p>The assessment matrix for OWBC26, in Appendix 5 of the SA, recognises that the site is on greenfield land and may contribute to coalescence of settlements, as it is included within the Oadby and Wigston Green Wedge. This has been assessed via SA objective 9, against which potential significant negative effects have been identified.</p> |

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| 16/12/16                              | Define Planning On Behalf Of Bloor Homes                   | It is understood that agreement of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is being sought to resolve this matter, but that must be undertaken in an open forum, with meaningful consultation, and not simply presented as a fait accompli. The conclusions reached in terms of the spatial distribution of growth must be justified by the evidence base, taking account of where the needs arise and market demand, the realistic capacity to accommodate the required development, and then other legitimate planning objectives (e.g. the relationship to employment and regeneration needs). That process will identify the housing "requirement" to be provided for in the Local Plan.  | <p>The outcomes of the Memorandum of Understanding and the Strategic Growth Plan will be justified by robust and up to date evidence base and Sustainability Appraisal work. All of the local authorities within the Leicester and Leicestershire HMA are committed to working together.</p> <p>Once preferred site allocations have been selected, the SA will document the Council's reasons for selecting or not selecting each option.</p> |
| 16/12/16                              | Landmark Planning On Behalf Of Davidson's Developments Ltd | Notwithstanding the text contained in paragraph 4.7 of the PO, the assessment of all potential residential sites contained within the Sustainability Appraisal indicates that the Sutton Close site (ref OWBC26) scores very well against the selected criteria. Reflecting the findings of the SHLAA, the only red indicator (other than its greenfield land status) relates to landscape where the assessment notes that the development may have a negative effect in that it might contribute to the coalescence of settlements. No further evidence is produced in respect of this concern and it is noted that it is a concern common to the majority of the 28 sites assessed. The site at Sutton Close is on the Southern Edge of Oadby with no settlement to the south. To the west lies Wigston Magna, however, the development of this site would close the gap between these two settlements only to a very limited degree. Any application | <p>Comment noted.</p> <p>The SA has been undertaken in line with the agreed SA framework and assumptions set out in Appendix 4 of the SA Report. Options have been assessed against the baseline and in line with the precautionary principle.</p>   |

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|                                       |                        | for planning permission would be accompanied by a landscape and visual Impact Assessment prepared under the accepted guidelines (GLVIA), which I believe would conclude that the development would have no significant adverse impact on the landscape character of the area.   |   |
| 16/12/16                              | Gladman Developments   | <p><b>Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment</b></p> <p>Gladman reminds the Council that there have now been a number of instances where the failure to undertake a satisfactory SA has resulted in Plans failing the test of legal compliance at Examination (South Somerset) or being subjected to later legal challenge (Heard vs Greater Norwich Development Plan). At this time, Gladman questions whether extending the Direction for Growth would really be the best option when considered against reasonable alternatives. This would mean that growth has been focussed in the same location from 2006 to 2036. Gladman suggests that spreading this growth and seeking alternative locations for development would be a more suitable and deliverable option.</p> | <p>The Council is committed in providing the homes that the Borough needs. The Council is aware that the NPPF suggests that Local Plans should be flexible and should not 'put all its eggs in one basket'.</p> <p>If further greenfield release sites are required to reflect the outcomes of the HEDNA the Council will identify these within the Pre-Submission Local Plan where appropriate to do so. The Council identified areas of potential greenfield release within the Preferred Options document, these were Land between Stoughton Road and Gartree Road, Oadby; Land at Cottage Farm, Oadby; and, Land west of Welford Road, Wigston.</p> |
| 16/12/16                              | Leicester City Council | <p><b>Sustainability Appraisal</b></p> <p>The preferred options sustainability appraisal assesses a long list of sites despite these not being identified in the Preferred Options document. It is not possible to provide any comments on these sites in the absence maps of the sites that have been considered. However, the sustainability appraisal appears not to have short listed any sites at this stage and we would</p>  | <p>Comment noted.</p> <p>SA is required to assess the proposed sites and reasonable alternatives. SA is required to assess the proposed sites and reasonable alternatives. Once preferred options are identified, the SA will include the Council's reasons for selecting or not selecting each site.</p>   |

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|                                       |               | expect to be able to make representations on sites including discounted sites before they get to submission stage.  |   |
| 16/12/16                              | CO-OP Estates | <p>7.3 The additional housing requirement to be met through the Local Plan should be cognisant of any unmet need from other authorities in the Housing Market Area.</p> <p>7.4 Since the Councils bid to quash the appeal Decision for Cottage Farm has recently failed at the Court of Appeal, therefore, it would now seem appropriate to consider the Cottage Farm site as a commitment rather than an allocation.</p> <p>7.5 The land west of Welford Road is understood to comprise a 2.9Ha site, lying between Thythorn Field Community Primary School and the A5199 (Welford Road). The 2012 SHLAA indicates the site lies within open countryside, isolated from the existing urban fringe.</p> <p>7.6 The 2012 SHLAAA notes that the site (west of Welford Road) is constrained by flood risk and is high in archaeological potential. The 2012 SHLAA concludes the site is not suitable or achievable, however, the 2016 SHLAA retains the site as a potential housing site (beyond the 10 year period, in the context of 5 year supply).</p> <p>7.7 It is also instructive to consider the Council's Sustainability Assessment (SA) which sits alongside the DPOLP. Table 4.1 score the potential Greenfield allocations against 22 SA Objectives. The Gartree Road/Stoughton Road site is only assessed as having significant negative effect (with some acknowledged uncertainty) in respect of the historic</p> | <p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Alongside the Strategic Growth Plan, under the Duty to Cooperate, the local authorities are working collectively to produce (and all sign up to) an agree a Memorandum of Understanding that illustrates the housing provision target for each of the local authorities within the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area.</p> <p>The outcomes of the Memorandum of Understanding and the Strategic Growth Plan will be justified by robust and up to date evidence base and Sustainability Appraisal work. All of the local authorities within the Leicester and Leicestershire HMA are committed to working together.</p> <p>The SA has been undertaken in line with the agreed SA framework and assumptions set out in Appendix 4 of the SA Report. Options have been assessed against the baseline and in line with the precautionary principle. SA is a strategic process and the PPG requires that all sites are considered in the same level of detail. As such, detailed ecological assessments for individual sites cannot be taken into account in the SA.</p> <p>In addition to SA, the Council is also assessing each site as part of an Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey. That piece of work will also be taken into consideration as evidence to guide decision making as part of the emerging Local</p> |

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|                                       |             | <p>environment (SA7), biodiversity/ geodiversity (SA8) and the redevelopment of brownfield land (SA18). The land west of Welford Road achieves the same score on these three objectives but is also assessed as having a significant negative effect in respect of two other objectives; landscape (SA9) and water quality and flooding (SA10).</p> <p>7.9 The technical information appended to these representations demonstrate that there are no significant ecological constraints to the Gartree Road/Stoughton Road site being redeveloped in a sensitive manner which respects the existing SBI at Stackyard Spinney and other ecological features on the site. In light of the supplementary information it may be appropriate to re-evaluate the potential effects of the site in the context of SA8.</p> <p>7.13 The Council should allocate land at Gartree Road/Stoughton Road for housing as part of a wider strategy for the Stoughton Estate.</p> | Plan.                    |

# Appendix 2

## Updated Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes

**Table A2.1: Review of plans, policies and programmes of relevance to the Oadby and Wigston Local Plan**

| Policy/plan/programme/strategy   | Objectives or requirements   | Implications for the Local Plan and the SA   |
|--|--|--|
| <b>INTERNATIONAL</b>   |  |  |
| <b>European</b>  |  |  |
| SEA Directive 2001 Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment        | Provide for a high level of protection of the environment and contribute to the integration of environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans and programmes with a view to promoting sustainable development. The Directive must be applied to plans or programmes whose formal preparation begins after 21 July 2004 and to those already in preparation by that date.  | Requirements of the Directive must be met in Sustainability Appraisals.  |
| The Industrial Emissions Directive 2010 Directive 2010/75/EU on industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control) | This Directive lays down rules on integrated prevention and control of pollution arising from industrial activities. It also lays down rules designed to prevent or, where that is not practicable, to reduce emissions into air, water and land and to prevent the generation of waste, in order to achieve a high level of protection of the environment taken as a whole. The Directive sets emission limit values for substances that are harmful to air or water. | The New Local Plan should take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policy derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.  |
| The Birds Directive 2009 Directive 2009/147/EC is a codified version of Directive 79/409/EEC as amended                            | The preservation, maintenance, and re-establishment of biotopes and habitats shall include the following measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creation of protected areas.</li> <li>• Upkeep and management in accordance with the ecological needs of habitats inside and outside the protected zones.</li> <li>• Re-establishment of destroyed biotopes.</li> <li>• Creation of biotopes.</li> </ul>   | The New Local Plan should consider the upkeep of recognised habitats is maintained and that they are not damaged by development. It is necessary for Plans to help avoid pollution or deterioration of habitats or any other disturbances affecting birds. |
| The EU Waste Framework Directive (2008) (Revised) 2008/98/EC   | This European Directive applies to people responsible for producing, keeping, transporting, recycling, recovering or disposing of waste.   | The New Local Plan should consider the Directive.  |
| The Floods Directive 2007 Directive 2007/60/EC on the assessment and management of flood risks                                     | Establish a framework for the assessment and management of flood risks, aiming at the reduction of the adverse consequences for human health, the environment, cultural heritage and economic activity associated with floods. Strategic Flood Risk Assessment being updated and should be completed in 2014 for the Borough.  | The New Local Plan should consider the Directive as well as more detailed policy derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.   |
| The Water Framework Directive 2000 Directive 2000/60/EC establishing a framework for community action in the field of water policy | Protection of inland surface waters, transitional waters, coastal waters and ground waters.  | The New Local Plan should consider the Directive as well as more detailed policy derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.   |
| The Landfill Directive 1999 Directive 99/31/EC on the landfill of waste  | Prevent or reduce negative effects on the environment from the land filling of waste by introducing stringent technical requirements for waste and landfills. Reduce the amount of biodegradable waste sent  | The New Local Plan should consider the Directive as well as more detailed policy derived from the Directive contained in the   |

| Policy/plan/programme/strategy  | Objectives or requirements   | Implications for the Local Plan and the SA  |
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|   | to landfill to 75% of the 1995 level by 2010. Reduce this to 50% in 2013 and 35% by 2020.  | NPPF.   |
| The Drinking Water Directive 1998 Directive 98/83/EC on the quality of water intended for human consumption         | Protect human health from the adverse effects of any contamination of water intended for human consumption by ensuring that it is wholesome and clean. Member States must set values for water intended for human consumption.   | The New Local Plan should consider the Directive as well as more detailed policy derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.  |
| The Air Quality Framework Directive 1996 Directive 96/62/EC on ambient air quality assessment and management        | Avoid, prevent and reduce harmful effects of ambient noise pollution on human health and the environment.  | The New Local Plan should consider the Directive as well as more detailed policy derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.  |
| The Habitats Directive 1992 Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora | Promote the maintenance of biodiversity taking account of economic, social, cultural and regional requirements. Conservation of natural habitats and maintain landscape features of importance to wildlife and fauna.  | The New Local Plan should consider the Directive as well as more detailed policy derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF. The New The Local Plan will need consider Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA).                             |
| The Urban Waste Water Directive 1991 Directive 91/271/EEC concerning urban waste water treatment                    | Protect the environment from the adverse effects of urban waste water collection, treatment and discharge, and discharge from certain industrial sectors.  | The New Local Plan policies should consider the Directive as well as more detailed policy derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.   |
| European Landscape Convention (Florence, 2002)  | The convention promotes landscape protection, management and planning.   | The New Local Plan should consider the Convention.  |
| <b>Other International</b>  |  |   |
| Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development (2002)  | Commitment to building a humane, equitable and caring global society aware of the need for human dignity for all. Promote renewable energy and energy efficiency and accelerate shift towards sustainable consumption and production. Encourage greater resource efficiency and the development of new technology for renewable energy, resulting in increased energy efficiency.  | The New Local Plan should consider the Declaration. An SA objective relating to enhancing the natural environment and promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency, thereby reducing air pollution, should be included in the SA framework. |
| Aarhus Convention (1998)  | Established a number of rights of the public with regard to the environment. Local authorities should provide for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The right of everyone to receive environmental information</li> <li>• The right to participate from an early stage in environmental decision making</li> <li>• The right to challenge in a court of law public decisions that have been made without respecting the two rights above or environmental law in general.</li> </ul> | The New Local Plan should consider the Convention and ensure that the public are involved and consulted at all relevant stages of the SA and Local Plan production.   |

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| <b>NATIONAL</b>                           |  |   |
| National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) | Presumption in favour of sustainable development. Delivering sustainable development by: | The New Local Plan has a statutory status as the starting point for decision making.  |
|   | Building a strong, competitive economy.  | The New Local Plan should consider economic visions for that particular area.   |
|   | Ensuring vitality of town centres.   | The New Local Plan should recognise town centres as the heart of their communities.   |
|   | Promoting sustainable transport  | The New Local Plan should encourage the implementation of sustainable transport modes (depending on nature/location of development sites), to reduce the need for major transport infrastructure. |
|   | Supporting high quality communications infrastructure.                                   | The New Local Plan should support the expansion of electronic communications networks.  |
|   | Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes.  | The New Local Plan should identify the size, type, tenure and range of housing that is required in particular locations.  |
|   | Requiring good design.   | The Local Plan should establish a strong sense of place to live, work and visit.  |
|   | Promoting healthy communities.   | The New Local Plan should promote safe and accessible environments with a high quality of life and community cohesion.  |
|   | Protecting Green Belt Land (Green Wedges and Countryside).                               | The New Local Plan should protect greenbelt land, Green Wedges and countryside for Oadby and Wigston, to prevent the coalescence of neighbouring towns.   |
|   | Meeting the challenge of climate change and flooding.                                    | The New Local Plan should use opportunities offered by new development to reduce causes/impacts of flooding.  |
|   | Conserving and enhancing the natural environment.  | The New Local Plan should recognise the wider benefits of biodiversity.   |
|   | Conserving and enhancing the historic environment  | The New Local Plan should aim to sustain and enhance heritage assets and put them to viable uses consistent with their conservation. The New Local Plan may be considered unsound if              |

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|   | Facilitating the use of sustainable materials.   | there has been no proper assessment of the significance of heritage assets in the area, and the plan does not contain a positive strategy for the conservation, enhancement and enjoyment of the historic environment.<br><br>The New Local Plan should encourage prior extraction of minerals where relevant and where practicable and environmentally feasible. |
| National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) 2014                               | In developing Local Plans, Authorities should collaborate with key agencies to develop a strategic approach for the protection and enhancement of the natural environment.   | The New Local Plan should consider this document when developing its policies.  |
| Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act (1990)                 | Legislation for the protection of Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas.   | The New Local Plan should consider this Act to ensure Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas are protected in the Plan.  |
| The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 and subsequent amendments.     | From 1 January 2015, waste collection authorities must collect waste paper, metal, plastic and glass separately. It also imposes a duty on waste collection authorities, from that date, when making arrangements for the collection of such waste, to ensure that those arrangements are by way of separate collection. | The New Local Plan should consider this document when developing its waste policy.  |
| Flood and Water Management Act (2010)   | The Act gives a strategic overview of flood risk management in England and upper tier authorities responsibility for preparing and putting in place strategies to manage flood risk from groundwater, surface water and ordinary watercourses in their areas.  | The New Local Plan should consider this document when developing its flood risk management policy.  |
| National Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for England (2011)  | The Strategy considers the level of flood risk and how it might change in the future; the risk management measures that may be used; roles & responsibilities; future funding; and the need for supporting information.  | The New Local Plan should consider this document when developing its flood risk management policy.  |
| Environment Agency's Groundwater Protection: Policy and Practice (GP3) (2013) | The Environment Agency's GP3 documents describe how groundwater is managed and protected now and for the future. Development proposals should follow guidelines set out in Part 4. The document sets out clearly what we consider is acceptable in different locations.  | The New Local Plan should consider this document when developing its water management policy.   |
| <b>White Papers</b>   |  |   |
| Water for Life White Paper 2011   | Sets out proposals for deregulating and simplifying legislation about water use and management, to reduce burdens on business and stimulate growth.  | The New Local Plan should consider actions to secure sustainable and resilient water resources.   |

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| Cutting Carbon, Creating Growth: Making Sustainable Local Transport Happen White Paper 2011 | Aims to achieve the vision of a transport system that is an engine for economic growth, but one that is also greener and safer and improves quality of life in communities.  | The New Local Plan should consider increased provision and use of sustainable modes of transport.  |
| Natural Environment White Paper, 2011<br>The Natural Choice: securing the value of nature   | Protecting and improving our natural environment, growing a green economy and reconnecting people and nature.  | The New Local Plan should consider protecting the intrinsic value of nature and recognise the multiple benefits it could have for communities.   |
| Urban White Paper 2000, Our Towns and Cities: The Future – delivering an urban renaissance  | New sustainable homes that are attractive, safe and practical. Retaining people in urban areas and making them more desirable places to live. Improving quality of life, opportunity and economic success through tailored solutions in towns and cities. 3.8 million more homes needed by 2021. Local strategies needed to meet the needs of local people developed through partnerships. Aim to achieve 60% of new homes on brownfield sites or through conversions of existing buildings.   | The New Local Plan should consider helping to effectively deliver better towns, taking into account the key aims of the White Paper.             |
| Rural White Paper 2000, Our Countryside: The Future – a fair deal for rural England         | Facilitate the development of dynamic, competitive and sustainable economies in the countryside. Maintain and stimulate communities and secure access to services for those who live and work in the countryside. Conserve and enhance rural landscapes. Increase opportunities for people to get enjoyment from the countryside.  | The New Local Plan should consider helping to increase employment and services in the rural parts of the Borough while conserving the landscape. |
| The Natural Choice: Securing the value of nature (2011)                                     | This White Paper – the first on the natural environment for over 20 years – outlines the Government’s vision for the natural environment over the next 50 years. It places the value of nature at the centre of the choices our nation must make: to enhance our environment, economic growth and personal wellbeing.  | The New Local Plan should consider this document when developing its environmental management policies.  |
| <b>Policies and Strategies</b>  |  |  |
| DCLG (2012) Planning Policy for Traveller Sites   | <p>Government’s aims in respect of traveller sites are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That local planning authorities should make their own assessment of need for the purposes of planning.</li> <li>• To ensure that local planning authorities, working collaboratively, develop fair and effective strategies to meet need through the identification of land for sites.</li> <li>• To encourage local planning authorities to plan for sites over a reasonable timescale.</li> <li>• That plan-making and decision-taking should protect Green Belt from inappropriate development.</li> <li>• To promote more private traveller site provision while</li> </ul> | The New Local Plan should ensure that it appropriately takes into account Gypsy and Traveller issues.  |

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|  | <p>recognising that there will always be those travellers who cannot provide their own sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That plan-making and decision-taking should aim to reduce the number of unauthorised developments and encampments and make enforcement more effective for local planning authorities to ensure that their Local Plan includes fair, realistic and inclusive policies.</li> <li>• To increase the number of traveller sites in appropriate locations with planning permission, to address under provision and maintain an appropriate level of supply.</li> <li>• To reduce tensions between settled and traveller communities in plan-making and planning decisions.</li> <li>• To enable provision of suitable accommodation from which travellers can access education, health, welfare and employment infrastructure.</li> <li>• For local planning authorities to have due regard to the protection of local amenity and local environment.</li> </ul>  |  |
| DCLG (2011) Laying the Foundations: A Housing Strategy for England                       | Aims to provide support to deliver new homes and improve social mobility.  | The New Local Plan should encourage the development of residential properties.   |
| Defra (2011) Biodiversity 2020: A Strategy for England's Wildlife and Ecosystem Services | <p>Includes an overall mission for the next decade, which is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To halt overall biodiversity loss.</li> <li>• Support healthy, well-functioning ecosystems and establish coherent ecological networks, with more and better places for nature for the benefit of wildlife and people.</li> </ul> <p>Actions to be taken include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with key stakeholders to consider how the nature conservation sector can engage the public even more effectively in future and how government might support this.</li> <li>• Getting more children learning outdoors, removing barriers and increasing schools' abilities to teach outdoors.</li> <li>• Establishing a new green areas designation, empowering communities</li> <li>• To protect local environments that are important to them.</li> <li>• <input type="checkbox"/> Helping people 'do the right thing', at home, when shopping, or as volunteers. For example, we will provide funding to support the Big Wildlife Garden scheme and launch a new phase of the MuckIn4Life campaign, offering</li> </ul> | The New Local Plan should consider the aims and objectives of the Strategy and ensure that they are supported by local level policy. |

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|  | volunteering opportunities to improve the quality of life in towns, cities and the countryside.   |   |
| DEFRA (2011) Securing the Future: Delivering UK Sustainable Development Strategy                     | <p>Enable all people throughout the world to satisfy their basic needs and enjoy a better quality of life without compromising the quality of life for future generations.</p> <p>There are four shared priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sustainable consumption and production;</li> <li>• climate change and energy;</li> <li>• natural resource protection and environmental enhancement; and</li> <li>• ☐ sustainable communities. Sets out indicators to give an overview of sustainable development and priority areas in the UK.</li> </ul>  | The New Local Plan should consider the aims of the Sustainable Development Strategy.  |
| Department of Health (2010) Healthy Lives, Healthy People: our Strategy for public health in England | Protect the population from serious health threats; helping people live longer, healthier and more fulfilling lives; and improving the health of the poorest, fastest. Prioritise public health funding from within the overall NHS budget.   | Policies within the New Local Plan should consider objectives of the strategy where relevant.   |
| DEFRA (2007) The Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland              | Make sure that everyone can enjoy a level of ambient air quality in public spaces, which poses no significant risk to health or quality of life.  | The New Local Plan should aim to improve air quality.   |
| The Plan for Growth 2011   | <p>The Plan for Growth contains four overarching ambitions that will ensure that progress is made towards achieving the objective of strong, sustainable and balanced growth that is more evenly shared across the country and between industries. The ambitions are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to create the most competitive tax system in the G20;</li> <li>2. to make the UK one of the best places in Europe to start, finance and grow a business;</li> <li>3. to encourage investment and exports as a route to a more balanced economy; and</li> <li>4. to create a more educated workforce that is the most flexible in Europe.</li> </ol> | The New Local Plan should consider these ambitions at the local level.  |
| Nature Nearby – Accessible Natural Green Space Guidance, Natural England, 2010                       | <p>This guidance paper describes the amount, quality and level of visitor services that may be required. Standards for accessible natural green space (ANGSt) indicate that everyone, wherever they live, should have accessible natural green space:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• of at least 2 hectares in size, no more than 300 metres (5 minutes' walk) from home;</li> </ul>  | The New Local Plan should consider protecting natural green spaces and recognise the multiple benefits they could have for communities. |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at least one accessible 20 hectare site within two kilometres of home;</li> <li>• one accessible 100 hectare site within five kilometres of home; and</li> <li>• one accessible 500 hectare site within ten kilometres of home; plus</li> <li>• <input type="checkbox"/> a minimum of one hectare of statutory Local Nature Reserves per thousand population.</li> </ul>  |  |
| Start with the Park, CABE, 2005.   | This guidance outlines the importance of planning around green spaces, with consideration being given to the context of local landscape character and contribution to the wider Green Infrastructure network.  | The New Local Plan should consider protecting green spaces and recognise the multiple benefits they could have for the local landscape character.  |
| Planning for a Healthy Environment - Good Practice Guidance for Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity, TCPA, 2012. | This guidance offers advice on the provision of new Green Infrastructure at an early stage to ensure it is deliverable as part of new developments.  | The New Local Plan should consider providing green infrastructure as part of new development and recognise the multiple benefits that this could have for the local landscape character.   |
| <b>Legislation</b>   |  |  |
| Localism Act 2011  | Contains proposals aiming to give local authorities more freedom and flexibility.  | The New Local Plan should be in conformity with the provisions of the Localism Act, in particular the Duty to Co-operate.  |
| Flood Risk Regulations 2009  | The Flood Risk Regulations 2009 transpose the EU Floods Directive (Directive 2007/60/EC) into domestic law in England and Wales. The Floods Directive provides a framework to assess and manage flood risks in order to reduce adverse consequences for human health, the environment (including cultural heritage) and economic activity.   | The New Local Plan must take account of the Regulations.   |
| Housing Act 2004   | Protect the most vulnerable in society and help create a fairer and better housing market. Strengthen the Government's drive to meet its 2010 decent homes target.   | The New Local Plan should contribute to creating a fairer and better housing market.   |
| <b>REGIONAL</b>  |  |  |
| East Midlands Regional Economic Strategy: A Flourishing Region (2006-2020)   | <p>In order to increase productivity so we can match and then exceed UK levels, we need to focus our actions on the key economic drivers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skills: addressing the relatively high proportion of people with no qualifications and enabling more people who are in work to develop higher level skills;</li> <li>• Innovation: helping to increase investment in research and development by businesses, particularly small and medium</li> </ul> | The New Local Plan should consider the need to provide quality employment sites in the Borough which will attract investment. Ensure that employment sites are accessible, particularly to the unemployed, lone parents, minority ethnic communities, ex-offenders and individuals with disabilities. Support the growth |

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|  | <p>sized enterprises - and ensuring far more good ideas are translated into new or improved products or services;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enterprise: improving rates of company formation and survival, and creating a culture of enterprise which begins at school;</li> <li>• <input type="checkbox"/> Investment: improving levels of investment in the service sector, so the region is equipped to maximise the opportunities from this fast-growing part of the economy.</li> </ul> | <p>of new and existing businesses in the Borough, particularly social enterprises and environmental technologies. Support the economic development of the voluntary sector. Ensure that all available brownfield sites are examined before considering greenfield sites. Set policies to improve the built environment.</p> |
| <p>East Midlands Regional Assembly: Putting Wildlife back on the Map – A Biodiversity Strategy for the East Midlands</p>   | <p>Identifies the main issues affecting the region’s wildlife and outlines opportunities and activities which will ensure its protection and enhancement, whilst increasing people’s enjoyment and understanding of biodiversity. The Local Plan will need to take the issues highlighted in this report into account when designating areas and developing policies.</p>   | <p>The New Local Plan should identify areas of threatened habitats and set policies for the management and restoration of these. Set policies for the protection of designated nature conservation areas. Consider enhancement of existing and development of new nature conservation areas.</p>                            |
| <p>East Midlands Regional Waste Strategy (2006)</p>  | <p>This document no longer has any statutory force under planning legislation, but the evidence and analysis that supports it is still relevant to the work of the Borough.</p>   | <p>The New Local Plan should consider this document when developing its waste management policy.</p>  |
| <p>Severn Trent Water: Final Water Resources Management Plan 2014</p>  | <p>Severn Trent Water’s Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP) sets out the water company’s strategy for maintaining the balance between supply and demand for water up to 2035.</p>  | <p>The New Local Plan should consider Severn Trent’s Plan and the Borough Council should regularly consult Severn Trent on any emerging consultation documents.</p>   |
| <p>Environment Agency: Soar Abstraction Licensing Strategy (2013)</p>  | <p>This document sets out the strategy to manage the removal of water so that the needs of people and the environment are met sustainably.</p>  | <p>The New Local Plan should consider this document when developing the water management and ecological policies.</p>   |
| <p>The River Trent Catchment Flood Management Plan (CFMP) (2010)</p>   | <p>Provides an overview of flood risk from all sources (e.g. rivers, groundwater, surface water etc.) for each river catchment now and over the next 50-100 years.</p>  | <p>The New Local Plan should consider this document when developing its flood risk management policy.</p>   |
| <p>Water for Life and Livelihoods, River Basin Management Plan, Annex B &amp; C Humber River Basin District: Water Body Tables for Rivers and Lakes in the Soar Catchment (2009)</p> | <p>The Humber River Basin Management Plan sets out the pressures facing the water environment in the Humber River Basin District and the actions required to address them. The Plan has been prepared under the Water Framework Directive and is the first of a series of six yearly planning cycles. It contains a series of technical annexes that set out the current state of the water environment (Annex B) and specific actions to improve the ecological status of water bodies (Annex C).</p>          | <p>The New Local Plan should consider this document when developing its water management policy.</p>  |
| <p><b>LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE</b></p>   |   |   |

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| The Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Biodiversity Action Plan 2010 – 2015: Space for Wildlife  | Seeks to focus resources on conserving and enhancing biodiversity by means of local partnerships, taking account of national and local priorities and providing a local response to the UK Government's National Action Plans for threatened habitats and species. The plan contains 16 Species Action Plans and 19 Habitat Action Plans designed to conserve or enhance a range of threatened species and habitats.   | The New Local Plan should consider including a policy that supports the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity, including threatened species and habitats. |
| Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership: Economic Growth Plan (2012 – 2020)             | The Leicester & Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership (LLEP) was formed in May 2011 to lead economic growth across Leicester and Leicestershire. The partnership consists of public, private and third sector bodies and is formally recognised by Government. This Economic Growth Plan sets out the LLEP's strategic objectives, priorities and actions and is in part an economic development plan, infrastructure investment plan and a labour market plan. It recognises the interconnected contribution of commerce, people and infrastructure to a successful and sustainable economy.  | The New Local Plan should consider the strategic economic regenerative objectives of the LLEP.   |
| The Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Historic Landscape Characterisation (HLC) Project (2010). | Seeks to manage change within the historic environment, particularly at a landscape scale.   | The New Local Plan policies and allocations should consider the historic landscape characterisation in the Borough.  |
| Leicestershire Sustainable Community Strategy (2008 – 2013)   | The Sustainable Community Strategy sets out a number of objectives related to improving the quality of life in Leicestershire and outlines actions that can be taken to achieve them. Some of these actions are related to development and will only be implemented in the long term if supported by planning policies.  | The New Local Plan should seek to deliver policies that will of benefit to the community of the Borough and County.  |
| Leicestershire Local Transport Plan 3 2011-2026   | Strategic Transport Goals include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A transport system that supports a prosperous economy and provides successfully for population growth.</li> <li>• An efficient, resilient and sustainable transport system that is well managed and maintained.</li> <li>• A transport system that helps to reduce the carbon footprint of Leicestershire.</li> <li>• An accessible and integrated transport system that helps promote equality of opportunity for all our residents.</li> <li>• A transport system that improves the safety health and security of our residents.</li> <li>• A transport system that helps to improve the quality of life for our residents and makes Leicestershire a more attractive</li> </ul> | The New Local Plan should encourage sustainable transport choices.   |

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| 6C's Green Infrastructure Strategy 2010  | <p>place to live, work and visit.</p> <p>The long term vision seeks to maintain, enhance and extend a planned multi-functional green infrastructure network. The network will be a framework for delivering biodiversity benefits on a landscape scale, and as appropriate to the local landscape character, by protecting, connecting and creating a diverse range of wildlife habitats and providing ecological corridors for species dispersal and migration. Strategic objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achieving a GI framework that operates at a strategic sub-regional level and focuses in more detail on key urban areas where major growth is planned;</li> <li>• Identifying locations where new GI investment would be best targeted;</li> <li>• Identifying existing and new strategic large-scale GI initiatives which can serve the whole subregion;</li> <li>• Identifying mechanisms for securing the long term sustainable management and maintenance of GI; and</li> <li>• Providing a strategic framework for steering coordinated approaches to maintaining the integrity of the whole GI network, through crossboundary connectivity of GI planning and delivery activities.</li> </ul> | The New Local Plan should support Green Infrastructure delivery and preservation.  |
| Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2014)                            | Provides a detailed sub-regional market analysis of housing demand and housing need providing an evidence base for current and future requirements.  | The New Local Plan should support the delivery of housing to meet the needs of the Borough.  |
| Leicestershire Municipal Waste Management Strategy   | Leicestershire Waste Partnership (LWP), for which Oadby & Wigston BC is an associate member, has a Municipal Waste Management Strategy which sets out the objectives, policies, actions and targets to be delivered by the LWP from 2010 – 2040 in terms of municipal waste management.  | The New Local Plan should consider this document when developing its waste management policy.  |
| Hinckley & Bosworth BC, Blaby DC & Oadby & Wigston BC Joint Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (2014) | Primary goal of the SFRA is to assess the potential flood risk of potential areas of development in the Borough.   | The New Local Plan should ensure that spatial policies take flood risk areas into account and include a policy that seeks to reduce flood risk across the Borough. |
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| Oadby and Wigston Adopted Core Strategy (2006 – 2026)  | The Core Strategy sets out the vision, spatial objectives and planning strategy for the Borough up to 2026. The Core Strategy provides the basic principles and policies that will steer built   | The New Local Plan should consider the principles and objectives as set out in the Core Strategy.  |

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|  | development and the use of land, establishes the overall general scale and location of development, and the approach to the key issues facing the Borough.  |  |
| Oadby and Wigston Re-Issued Local Plan (Saved Policies) (1999, Reissued 2010 and 2013)                               | Some policies in this document are not yet superseded through newly adopted documents and are therefore still extant until appropriate policies are formulated and adopted in up to date DPD's.   | The New Local Plan should consider policies upon which sustainability principles should be developed from.   |
| Oadby and Wigston Town Centres Area Action Plan (2013)   | The Oadby and Wigston Town Centres Area Action Plan forms a major part of the statutory planning basis for the determination of development proposals within Wigston and Oadby, that will deliver transformational change over the plan period and beyond. It includes planning policies to guide and inform development proposals and decisions, as well as providing aspirational yet deliverable Masterplans, with supporting policy that will assist in delivering the ambitions of the Area Action Plan. | The New Local Plan should consider sustainable design and construction to ensure better developments in the town centres and therefore increasing the investment potential for other developments in and around the Borough's centres. |
| Oadby and Wigston Conservation Areas Supplementary Planning Document (2008)<br>Note: this is currently being revised | The Conservation Areas Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) provides policy guidance to ensure that the character and appearance of Borough Conservation Areas are maintained through effective management.  | The New Local Plan should seek to protect and enhance the Borough's Conservation Areas and to ensure that all planning applications for sites or properties within or adjacent to these areas are given necessary consideration.       |
| Oadby and Wigston Conservation Area Appraisals   | The Conservation Area Appraisals for the Borough's Conservation Areas provide in depth historical and heritage guidance to each Conservation Area in the Borough and help to inform the Council on issues relating to those areas.  | The New Local Plan should seek to protect and enhance the Borough's Conservation Areas and to ensure that all planning applications for sites or properties within or adjacent to these areas are given necessary consideration.       |
| Oadby and Wigston Green Infrastructure Plan<br>Note: this is currently being revised                                 | The purpose of a Green Infrastructure Plan is to identify all the components of Green Infrastructure which are pertinent to the Borough of Oadby and Wigston, whilst identifying the needs and opportunities for protecting, enhancing and extending networks of green spaces. The strategic approach will ensure that environmental assets of natural and cultural value are integrated with land development, growth management and built infrastructure planning at the earliest stage.                    | The New Local Plan should consider the importance of preserving and protecting Green Infrastructure, biodiversity and natural resources in general in the Borough.   |
| Oadby and Wigston Developer Contributions SPD (2011)<br>Note: this is currently being revised                        | The Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) provides information about the types of planning obligations that may be sought through a legal agreement to mitigate the impact of a development proposal in the Borough.  | The New Local Plan should consider how and where infrastructure delivery should help to create sustainable growth in the Borough.  |
| Oadby and Wigston Public Realm   | The Borough's streets and public spaces are a public service that is  | The New Local Plan should consider sustainable   |

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| Strategy (2012)  | <p>available for use 24 hours a day, seven days a week, all of the year round. With this demand comes a need for public spaces that are of high quality, designed to be efficient and are flexible for different users needs. Currently public realm within the Borough is not of a standard commensurate to its status.</p> <p>This public realm strategy has been prepared to provide policy and guidance for any public realm improvement / redevelopment scheme that occurs within the Borough of Oadby and Wigston.</p> | design principles and the use of durable, aesthetically pleasing materials.   |
| Oadby and Wigston Air Quality Updating and Screening Assessment (2012)                           | This strategy outlines the Council's approach to improve air quality and the policies within the Local Plan will have to take this into account.   | The New Local Plan should consider sustainable traffic and transport measures to reduce vehicle emissions, encourage development in less sensitive areas, and, continually strive to address any air quality issues highlighted in this strategy. |
| South Wigston Regeneration Masterplan (2008)   | <p>This plan has four main aims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To create a framework for the future regeneration of the South Wigston Area;</li> <li>2. Inform the development of and direction of a Local Community Partnership and its community plan;</li> <li>3. Inform policy directions and resource allocations (primarily local, sub-regional and regional)</li> <li>4. Providing some background analysis to a Local Plan for the Borough</li> </ol>  | The New Local Plan should encourage inward investment in the Borough's centres and maximise use of derelict and under-used sites.   |
| Oadby and Wigston Landscape Character Assessment (2005)<br>Note: this is currently being revised | Provide a comprehensive and systematic assessment of the landscape of the Borough of Oadby and Wigston that builds on previous studies, increases understanding and provides a base line against which future changes to the landscape can be monitored.   | The New Local Plan should support and protect the landscape character and quality in the Borough.   |
| Oadby and Wigston Affordable Housing Viability Assessment (2016)                                 | Examines the potential impact on development viability of affordable housing targets and level of threshold.   | The New Local Plan should support the delivery of affordable housing.   |
| Oadby and Wigston Open Space Review (2015)<br>Note: this is currently being revised              | Provides local standards for open space, sport and recreation to enable the setting of local policies and identify surpluses and deficiencies in open space, sport and recreation provision and to consider these against current needs and future growth provide specific recommendations for the type and amount of open space, sport and recreation provision across the Borough.   | The New Local plan should consider unmet need by identifying land and schemes, or policies to achieve such.   |
| Oadby and Wigston Playing Pitch Strategy 2016-2031   | <p>The objectives of this Strategy are to identify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What the current and future key playing pitch provision in</li> </ul>   | The New Local Plan should seek to support the provision of sports, recreation and open  |

| Policy/plan/programme/strategy            | Objectives or requirements   | Implications for the Local Plan and the SA   |
|---|--|--|
| (currently in draft)                      | <p>the Borough should be.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why the Council should continue to invest in playing pitches.</li> <li>• Where new investment or replacement pitches should be developed.</li> <li>• How the facilities can be improved and delivered through future management arrangements.</li> <li>• When new or replacement facilities and pitches would be able to be delivered through a targeted Action Plan.</li> </ul>  | spaces, especially in the delivery of strategic developments.  |
| Employment Land and Premises Study (2017) | <p>This study assessed the supply, need and demand for employment land and premises (use class B) in the Borough. The main objective of the study are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake an audit and provide detailed analysis and understanding of the Borough's existing Identified Employment Areas and premises in terms of quantity, nature and quality.</li> <li>• Develop a hierarchy of the Borough's employment sites identifying which sites should be sustained for employment use and which sites have the scope for redevelopment/reallocation.</li> <li>• Identify the level and type of employment land that would be appropriate within the Council's Direction for Growth area(s).</li> </ul> | The New Local Plan should ensure that any allocations for employment land or for use of existing employment land are appropriate and to ensure sufficient and suitable employment land and opportunities are available in the appropriate locations. |
| Retail Capacity Study (2016)              | <p>This study provides a qualitative analysis of the existing retail and leisure facilities, the role of each town and district centre, catchment areas and the relationship between centres. It also provides qualitative and quantitative assessments of the need for new retail floorspace within the Borough, in terms of both convenience and comparison retailing.</p>   | The New Local Plan should seek to encourage sufficient retail provision in appropriate locations.  |

# Appendix 3

## Updated Baseline Information

Baseline information provides the basis for predicting and monitoring the likely sustainability effects of a plan and helps to identify key sustainability issues and means of dealing with them.

Annex 1 of the SEA Directive requires information to be provided on:

- a. The relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without implementation of the plan;
- b. The environmental characteristics of areas likely to be significantly affected;
- c. 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 [the 'Birds Directive'] and 92/43/EEC [the 'Habitats Directive'].

This chapter presents the relevant baseline information for Oadby and Wigston. Data referred to has been chosen primarily for regularity and consistency of collection, in order to enable trends in the baseline situation to be established, and also subsequent monitoring of potential sustainability effects.

## Environmental Characteristics

### Ecosystem Services

Since the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MEA) was undertaken<sup>18</sup>, the need to consider the implications of planned new development in delivering and supporting ecosystem services has continued to gain recognition. Ecosystem services, defined simply, are the benefits people obtain from ecosystems<sup>19</sup> and are grouped into four main groups:

- **Provisioning** services (e.g. crops, water supply, trees).
- **Regulating** services (e.g. flood regulation, climate regulation, noise regulation).
- **Cultural** services (e.g. aesthetic, educational, and recreational benefits).
- **Supporting** services (e.g. nutrient cycling, soil formation).

The MEA and UK National Ecosystem Assessment<sup>20</sup> demonstrate the importance of ecosystem services to human well-being and showed that key services are being degraded and used unsustainably. At the international<sup>21</sup> and national<sup>22</sup> level there is consensus that this has to be addressed, as society is dependent on the flow of ecosystem services; people are integral parts of ecosystems and dynamic interaction exists between them and other parts of ecosystems. Furthermore, ecosystems and ecosystem services are constantly changing, driven by societal changes, which influence demand for goods and services and the way we manage our natural resources.

While the SEA Regulations and Government guidance on SA do not require the consideration of ecosystem services within the assessment, there is potentially quite a bit of overlap between what the sustainability objectives are trying to achieve and the intentions to improve ecosystem services. Therefore, throughout the appraisal of Oadby and Wigston's Local Plan, the ecosystems services approach will be taken into account as appropriate.

### Biodiversity and Geodiversity

There are no internationally designated Special Protection Areas (SPAs), Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) or Ramsar sites in the Borough. As referenced in the Oadby and Wigston Core Strategy

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<sup>18</sup> Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (2005) Millennium Ecosystem Assessment. Available at: <http://www.millenniumassessment.org/en/index.html>

<sup>19</sup> Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (2005) Millennium Ecosystem Assessment. Available at: <http://www.millenniumassessment.org/en/index.html>

<sup>20</sup> Available at: <http://uknea.unep-wcmc.org/Resources/tabid/82/Default.aspx>

<sup>21</sup> Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (2005) Millennium Ecosystem Assessment. Available at: <http://www.millenniumassessment.org/en/index.html>

<sup>22</sup> <http://uknea.unep-wcmc.org/Resources/tabid/82/Default.aspx>

Appropriate Assessment Scoping Report (2010)<sup>23</sup>, there are three Natura 2000 sites within 25km of the Borough's boundary, of which, Rutland Water is also protected by the Ramsar convention. The Borough contains one Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), that being The Kilby - Foxton Canal SSSI, which is located in the south of the Borough, east of Kilby Bridge, between Kilby and Foxton<sup>24</sup>. This section of the canal and adjacent wetland makes up an important site for water plants and animals. The site is in unfavourable condition and there has been no change in its status following its most recent assessment. Also within the Borough is the Kilby Bridge Pit Regionally Important Geographic Site (RIGS)<sup>25</sup> which is located between Wigston and Kilby Bridge, east of Welford Road.

The main habitats and species that comprise the Borough's Green Infrastructure Assets have most recently been identified through the Phase 1 Habitat Survey and Biodiversity Audit (2005)<sup>26</sup>. Habitats and species discovered include Hedgerows; Wildlife sites; the Grand Union Canal; River Sence; Otters; Bats; and, Brown Hares. Green Infrastructure (GI) fulfils an integral role in the natural environments ecosystem and it should therefore always be considered as part of any new development or decision making to ensure a sustainable impact in the Borough. Natural England's Green Infrastructure Guidance<sup>27</sup> provides a greater level of detail outlining the benefits of protecting and enhancing these assets.

The Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Biodiversity Action Plan (2016-2026) produced Species Action Plans (SAPs) for 19 priority species<sup>28</sup>. There are three of those priority species found in the Borough, those being Otters, Water Voles, Bats and Swifts, Swallows and House Martins. All of these species have suffered a significant decline in recent years both nationally and in Oadby and Wigston due to various anthropogenic and environmental factors. Where applicable, Natural England's Standing Advice will be considered for further information relating to the protection of Biodiversity and Geodiversity<sup>29</sup>.

### Climatic Factors

In 2015 Oadby and Wigston Borough Council commissioned a Climate Change Evidence Base Study in partnership with Leicester City Council<sup>30</sup>. This study provides the evidence base to develop planning policies for climate change and renewable energy in local plans. This study acknowledges that Oadby and Wigston can expect to experience hotter, drier summers and milder, wetter winters in future. The frequency and intensity of extreme weather events (which are already currently experienced) is also projected to increase. The climate of the Earth is not static, and has changed many times in response to a variety of natural causes. The Earth has warmed by 0.74°C over the last hundred years. Around 0.4°C of this warming has occurred since the 1970s. In general, the UK climate is expected to become hotter and drier in the summer and warmer and wetter in the winter. Key expected changes include:

- Average UK annual temperatures may rise by 2 to 3.5°C by the 2080s.
- Annual average precipitation across the UK may decrease slightly, by between 0 and 15% by the 2080s. However the seasonal distribution of precipitation will change significantly, with winters becoming wetter and summers drier.
- Increase in the prevalence of extreme weather events. High summer temperatures and dry conditions will become more common. Very cold winters will become increasingly rare and extreme winter precipitation will become more frequent. The summer heat wave experienced in 2003 is likely to become a normal event by the 2040s and considered cool by the 2060s.

As far as wind energy is concerned, this study reported that whilst the Noabl wind speed database indicates wind speeds of between 6.1 and 7 m/s for the majority of the Borough, the potential for wind is limited by the built up nature of the area. For all four areas of search considered opportunities for small to medium wind may exist on the edge of developments. The Council will be working towards an updated

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<sup>23</sup> Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, Core Strategy Appropriate Assessment Scoping Report (2010)

<sup>24</sup> Natural England, Designated Sites View [Kilby - Foxton Canal SSSI - 14 (014)] available at: <https://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/UnitDetail.aspx?UnitId=1002738> (accessed July 2017)

<sup>25</sup> Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, Adopted Core Strategy, p.61 (2010)

<sup>26</sup> Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, Report on The Biodiversity Audit (2005)

<sup>27</sup> Natural England, NE176: Green Infrastructure Guidance (2009)

<sup>28</sup> Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Biodiversity Action Plan (2016 -2026)

<sup>29</sup> Natural England and Defra, Protected species: how to review planning applications available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/protected-species-how-to-review-planning-applications> (accessed July 2017)

<sup>30</sup> Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure UK Limited, Climate Change Evidence Base Study, Leicester City Council and Oadby & Wigston Borough Council, (2015)

Climate Change Study to provide robust evidence supporting the emerging New Local Plan. As part of that study, it will be important to recognise that green infrastructure plays an important role in mitigating against and adapting to the potential impacts of climate change.

In terms of local climate change the Council reported in 2011 that from the baseline year of 2008-2009 to the reporting year 2010-2011 the total gross emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> locally had been reduced by 12.88%. The majority of these emissions came from gas consumption and emissions from private transport. Purchased electricity accounted for the second highest portion of local CO<sub>2</sub> emissions<sup>31</sup>.

### Water Quality and Flood Risk

The Environment Agency’s assessment of relative water stress<sup>32</sup> throughout England indicates that water resources in the Oadby and Wigston area (Severn Trent Water) are under ‘moderate stress’, whilst some water providers or areas to the east and south of the UK are under ‘serious’ stress. It is predicted that the effects of climate change could further reduce supply and increase demand, therefore increasing levels of stress throughout the UK. Opportunities to include green infrastructure into new developments will be important because of the beneficial role it can play in flood risk mitigation. The Environment Agency’s categories measuring supply and demands of water for each provider is derived from ranking classifications. Scores of less than 28 are classified as being areas where the water supply is under ‘low’ levels of stress; areas with scores of between 28 and 33 are under ‘moderate’ levels of stress; and, areas that have been allocated a score equal to or higher than 34 are classified as areas where the water supply is deemed to be under ‘severe’ levels of stress.

The River Sence is the main River in Oadby and Wigston borough. It flows from east to west through the centre of the Borough and the Grand Union Canal is located slightly north of the River Sence and generally follows a similar path. **Table 2** shows the river quality classification for the River Sence from Burton Brook to Countesthorpe Brook. The Environment Agency classifies this stretch of the River Sence as ‘moderate’ in terms of ecological health of the water<sup>33</sup>.

Table 2: Environment Agency River Basin Management Plan: Humber River Basin District Annex B (2009)

| River  | Overall Biological Quality | Overall Physico Chemical Quality | Hydro Morphological Quality | Overall Specific Pollutants Quality |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| River Sence from Burton Brook to Countesthorpe Brook | Good                       | Moderate                         | Not High                    | High                                |

The 2015 update of the river basin management plan states that the surface water ecological status of 24 water bodies and the surface water chemical status of 2 water bodies within the basin have deteriorated since the 2009 reporting<sup>34</sup>. It does not indicate if the River Sence is affected by this deterioration.

The brooks that feed into the River Sence are liable to flooding after severe rainfall, as is the River Sence itself.

### Soil

Soils are vital for sustaining land based ecosystems and include a combination of organic and inorganic matter. They are the basis for agricultural and forestry production and provide the medium for sustaining habitats and their associated flora and fauna. Soils are a non-finite non-renewable resource that can be lost or significantly damaged by development pressures, soil contamination by heavy metals and organic compounds and large quantities of nutrient addition and losses from wind erosion.

<sup>31</sup> Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report (2011)

<sup>32</sup> Environment Agency, Areas of Water Stress Final Classification (2013)

<sup>33</sup> Environment Agency, Water for Life and Livelihoods, River Basin Management Plan, Annex B Humber River Basin District (2009)

<sup>34</sup> Environment Agency, Water for Life and Livelihoods, Part 1: Humber River Basin District River Basin Management Plan (2015)

Agricultural land is classified according to the system of Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) introduced by the former Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food (MAFF). The ALC system measures agricultural land quality for land use planning purposes and divides farmland into five grades according to the degrees of agricultural limitations which are imposed on the land by inherent characteristics such as soils, site and climate. Grade 1 land has the fewest limitations and is considered the best quality, while Grade 5 land has severe limitations and is very poor for agricultural purposes. Grade 3 is subdivided into Grades 3a and 3b. Grades 1, 2 and 3a are judged to be 'best and most versatile' (BMV) agricultural land.

Approximately, two thirds of the Borough is made up of urban land, as illustrated by Natural England's East Midlands Regional ALC map<sup>35</sup>, the quality of the agricultural areas in the Borough is largely classified as 'Good to Moderate', although land in close proximity to the River Sence and the Grand Union Canal is deemed to be of 'Poor' quality. 'Good to Moderate' agricultural land is deemed to be Grade 3 (The Agricultural Land Classification maps do not distinguish between Grade 3a and 3b land).

### Air Quality

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in 2014 were 3.9 tonnes per capita within the Borough, below the national average of 6.3 tonnes per capita<sup>36</sup>. The Borough does not have any Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) but it does undertake an Air Quality Status Report<sup>37</sup> annually. Concentrations at relevant receptors are all consistently below the nationally recognised thresholds and therefore there is no need to proceed to the next stage and undertake a Detailed Assessment in the Borough.

### Landscape and Visual Amenity

The Oadby and Wigston Landscape Character Assessment (OWLCA)<sup>38</sup> incorporates a townscape character assessment for all of the urban areas within the Borough. Although the Borough does not have any National designations, it does contain a diverse range of landscapes including three town centres, residential and employment areas, two green wedges, two country parks and areas of open countryside. The Grand Union Canal and the River Sence run through the south of the Borough. The Borough Council recognises that a high quality and locally distinctive rural and urban environment can make a substantial contribution to quality of life in the Borough and that sustainable development is essential to maintain this quality.

The Green Wedges of Oadby and Wigston create a significant area of open space in the Borough and prevent the settlements of Oadby, Wigston and South Wigston from coalescing. They are important not only in terms of landscape but also for recreation and nature conservation. There are two Green Wedges in the Borough: the Thurnby, Leicester and Oadby Green Wedge; and the Oadby and Wigston Green Wedge. The Thurnby, Leicester and Oadby Green Wedge consists mainly of high quality farmland and is considered to be of high visual quality.

Oadby and Wigston borough is within the Leicestershire Vales Landscape Character Area as defined by Natural England<sup>39</sup>.

The landscape of the Borough is diverse and includes the townscapes of Oadby, Wigston and South Wigston and the countryside areas on the rural-urban fringe. The urban fringe is generally well-integrated into the rural landscape and hedgerows, trees and subtle changes in the landform help to limit views of the town from the countryside.

The Oadby and Wigston Landscape Character Assessment (OWLCA) describes the Borough as "...a transition zone between the more distinct plateau and steep sided valley landscapes to the north and east, and the more open, rolling landscapes to the south and west." The landscape is also influenced by the River Sence valley to the south and the valley of the Upper Soar to the west. The townscape of Oadby is predominantly suburban residential and the OWLCA states that overall it does not have a high

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<sup>35</sup> Natural England, Agricultural Land Classification Map East Midlands Region available at: <http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/143027> (accessed July 2017)

<sup>36</sup> DECC, UK local authority and regional carbon dioxide emissions national statistics: 2005-2014 (accessed July 2017)

<sup>37</sup> Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, 2016 Air Quality Annual Status Report (2017)

<sup>38</sup> Oadby and Wigston Landscape Character Assessment, David Tyldesley Associates (2005)

<sup>39</sup> Natural England, NCA Profile: 94 Leicestershire Vales available at: [http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/publications/nca/leicestershire\\_vales.aspx](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/publications/nca/leicestershire_vales.aspx) (accessed June 2016)

level of local distinctiveness. Wigston is also predominantly residential but has areas distinguished by employment and educational use.

### Community Facilities, Open Space, Sport and Recreation

The Borough seeks to conserve, enhance and develop new community facilities and areas of open space, sport and recreation as part of all existing and new development in order to reduce shortages of suitable open spaces for the population as identified in the Borough’s Annual Open Space Review<sup>40</sup> and in **Table 3** below. Key areas of interest for the Borough include:

- New or extended public open space and amenity land
- Water facilities and pathways
- Public play facilities for children (including equipment)
- Sports pitches (grass or artificial)
- Indoor or outdoor sports / community facilities
- Allotment gardens

Natural England’s ‘standards for accessible natural green space’ (ANGSt)<sup>41</sup> provides information on the amount and quality of accessible natural green spaces that everybody has a right to access, including all the ecosystem services we depend on in our lives. Natural green spaces are important to our quality of life, providing a wide range of benefits for people and the environment. Evidence shows that access to natural green spaces for fresh air, exercise and quiet contemplation, has benefits for both physical and mental health. Research provides good evidence of reductions in levels of heart disease, obesity and depression where people live close to green spaces. In addition to their potential ecological value, green spaces also help us adapt to changes in climate through their role in reducing the risk of flooding and by cooling the local environment. Where trees are present they also act as filters for air pollution.

**Table Error! No text of specified style in document.: Open Spaces Surplus / Deficiency Ward-by-Ward<sup>42</sup>**

| Typology                         | Oadby (Ha)  |        |           |         |           | South Wigston (Ha) | Wigston (Ha) |        |             |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--------|-----------|---------|-----------|--------------------|--------------|--------|-------------|-------------|
|                                  | Brocks Hill | Grange | St Peters | Uplands | Woodlands | South Wigston      | All Saints   | Fields | Meadowcourt | St Wolstans |
| Allotment Space                  | -1.98       | -3.27  | 1.26      | -2.22   | -2.38     | -3.76              | -1.46        | 0.85   | -2.90       | -3.25       |
| Children and Young Peoples Space | -0.53       | -1.59  | -1.03     | -1.33   | -1.40     | -1.69              | -1.64        | -1.72  | -1.70       | -1.77       |
| Churchyards and Cemeteries       | -           | -      | -         | -       | -         | -                  | -            | -      | -           | -           |
| Informal Open Space              | -1.03       | -3.17  | -1.91     | -0.50   | 1.93      | 1.20               | -1.10        | -2.84  | 2.81        | -1.88       |

<sup>40</sup> Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, Annual Open Space Review (2015).

<sup>41</sup> Natural England, Nature Nearby: Accessible Natural Greenspace Guidance (2010)

<sup>42</sup> Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, Annual Open Space Review (2015)

| Typology                     | Oadby (Ha) |       |       |       |       | South Wigston (Ha) | Wigston (Ha) |       |       |       |
|------------------------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                              |            |       |       |       |       |                    |              |       |       |       |
| Natural Green Space          | 30.98      | 1.05  | -3.19 | 1.21  | 7.13  | 6.87               | 1.27         | -5.18 | 0.02  | -5.20 |
| Outdoor Sport                | -2.82      | -4.34 | -4.09 | -4.44 | -4.76 | -6.21              | -3.84        | -5.20 | -5.81 | -6.50 |
| Outdoor Sport Limited Access | -          | -     | -     | -     | -     | -                  | -            | -     | -     | -     |
| Park and Recreation Ground   | 4.00       | 9.82  | -0.39 | -2.22 | -1.74 | 4.24               | 1.83         | 3.23  | -1.21 | -2.48 |

### Cultural Heritage

There are 37 listed buildings in the Borough<sup>43</sup> which have special or historic value. Many of these buildings are located within one of the nine Conservation Areas within the Borough. Leicestershire County Council also has a Conservation Area allocated in the Borough, in the shape of The Grand Union Canal Conservation Area, within which, there is one Grade II Listed Structure at Turnover Bridge, on Welford Road (A5199). The purpose of these Conservation Areas is to preserve and enhance the character and appearance of areas with heritage interest. The Borough Council's Conservation Areas are:

- All Saints (Wigston)
- London Road and Saint Peters Church (Oadby)
- Midlands Cottages (Wigston)
- North Memorial Homes and Framework Knitters (Wigston)
- Oadby Court (Oadby)
- Oadby Hill Top and Meadowcourt (Oadby)
- South Wigston (South Wigston)
- Spa Lane (Wigston)
- The Lanes (Wigston)

Historic England<sup>44</sup> does not consider there to be any buildings in the Borough to be "at risk"<sup>45</sup> on the Heritage at Risk Register: East Midlands. The Borough does not have any Scheduled Monuments or Historic Parks and Gardens in the Borough, although, Peace Memorial Park in Wigston and Botanic Gardens in Oadby within the grounds of the University of Leicester are two gardens that are deemed to be of value to the local population. Other non-designated heritage assets in the Borough include sites with archaeological potential and buildings that the Borough Council consider to be significant local buildings<sup>46</sup>. The Council is developing an updated Significant Local Buildings Study (expected 2015/16).

<sup>43</sup> Historic England, National Heritage List for England available at: <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list> (accessed July 2017)

<sup>44</sup> Formerly known as English Heritage, but renamed as Historic England as of April 1 2015.

<sup>45</sup> English Heritage, Heritage at Risk Register available at: <https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/heritage-at-risk/search-register> (accessed July 2017)

<sup>46</sup> Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, Local Plan, adopted 1999, reissued 2010 and 2013 (Appendices)

## Waste Management

By 2020, the EU target for the UK for Household Recycling is 50 per cent. In 2015/16, Oadby and Wigston Borough Council was listed as the 96<sup>th</sup> best performing Local Authority in the National league table with 48.6 per cent of waste being recycled<sup>47</sup>.

The Leicestershire Municipal Waste Management Strategy (Updated 2011)<sup>48</sup> has been produced to enable local authorities in the county to work together to achieve common goals. It provides a framework under which new collection, treatment and disposal infrastructure can be developed. Future aims include: new and enhanced kerbside collections for recyclable materials including the collection of green waste; increased separation of waste particularly green waste for composting; new treatment and processing capacity for waste collected; and an education and awareness campaign.

## Social Characteristics

### Population

At the last Census (2011)<sup>49</sup> the population for the Borough was 56,170. Of this total, the gender ratio was 93.7 males to every 100 females. The median age in the Borough is 41 years of age which is two years older than the 39 years of age at the previous Census (2001).

The religious composition of the Borough is displayed alongside national averages in **Table 4** below. All figures are taken from 2011 census data. 48.4 per cent of the Borough's population are Christian. The largest non-Christian religious groups are Hindu (9.1 per cent), Muslim (5.8 per cent) and Sikh (6.5 per cent).

**Table 4: Religious Composition in Oadby and Wigston**

| Religion            | OBWC Value (per cent) | National Average (per cent) |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Christian           | 48.4                  | 59.4                        |
| Buddhist            | 0.2                   | 0.5                         |
| Hindu               | 9.1                   | 1.5                         |
| Jewish              | 0.2                   | 0.5                         |
| Muslim              | 5.8                   | 5.0                         |
| Sikh                | 6.5                   | 0.8                         |
| Other               | 0.5                   | 0.4                         |
| No religion         | 23.2                  | 24.7                        |
| Religion not stated | 6.0                   | 7.2                         |

The ethnic and cultural composition of the Borough is diverse. The overall Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) population (i.e. residents in categories other than White British) is 29 per cent (16,536 people). This figure is almost triple the Leicestershire County average of 11.07 per cent, and around double the East Midlands' regional figure of 14.6 per cent (Census 2011).

<sup>47</sup> Lets Recycle, 2015/16 Overall Performance available at: <http://www.letsrecycle.com/councils/league-tables/201516-overall-performance/> (accessed July 2017)

<sup>48</sup> Leicestershire Waste Partnership, Leicestershire Municipal Waste Management available at: [http://www.leics.gov.uk/lmwms\\_2011\\_update-3.pdf](http://www.leics.gov.uk/lmwms_2011_update-3.pdf) (Accessed August 2016)

<sup>49</sup> 2011 Census for England and Wales, [www.ons.gov.uk](http://www.ons.gov.uk)

## Housing

The Leicester and Leicestershire Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment report<sup>50</sup> (2017) identifies Leicester and Leicestershire as the relevant Housing Market Area (HMA) and Functional Economic Market Area (FEMA) for plan-making purposes. This report identifies a deficiency in the number of homes, including affordable homes in the Borough. Policy 11: Affordable Housing, of the Borough's Core Strategy, suggests that all new residential development of 10 dwellings or more will be required to provide a percentage of affordable units on-site. The percentages of, 30 per cent in Oadby, 20 per cent in Wigston and 10 per cent in South Wigston, have been evidenced by the Borough's Affordable Housing Viability Assessment undertaken in 2009<sup>51</sup>.

The Borough Council's Core Strategy<sup>52</sup>, adopted September 2010, sets out the total housing provision from 2006 to 2026. During this period, the Core Strategy prescribes a minimum additional housing allocation of 1,800 dwellings (90 dwellings per annum) within the Local Authority area. Since 2005, 860<sup>53</sup> additional dwellings have been added to the existing housing stock of the Borough. By subtracting the 860 additional dwellings from the 1,800 Core Strategy target (1,800 – 860 = 940), the Borough Council is left with an average residual provision of 94 new dwellings per annum up to 2026.

The Borough of Oadby and Wigston had a total of 774 net committed dwellings, plus the 450 homes identified on the Wigston Direction for Growth for the monitoring year period 2016 to 2017<sup>54</sup>. Numerous other sites are also identified within the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) and allocated within the Town Centres Area Action Plan.

The National Planning Policy Framework<sup>55</sup> defines windfall sites as those 'which have not been specifically identified in the Local Plan Process. They normally comprise previously developed sites that have unexpectedly become available'. Therefore any site that has not been identified through the Local Plan process, will be classified as windfalls. During the 2016 to 2017 monitoring year, 37 per cent of dwelling completions occurred on windfall sites<sup>56</sup>.

Due to the confined nature of the Borough, affordable housing completions have historically been low. In the most recent reporting year of 2016/2017, 74 affordable residential units have been provided within the Borough. In the reporting year 2015/2016 no affordable houses were completed and in the reporting year 2014/2015 24 units were completed in the Borough. Committed development coming forward illustrates that there will be an increase in the provision of affordable units, particularly through the implementation of larger sites, such as the Direction for Growth to the south-east of Wigston which will provide 450 new homes 90 of which will be affordable homes, and Cottage Farm, Oadby, which will provide 150 new homes, 45 of which will be affordable homes<sup>57</sup>.

Out of the three main settlements, Oadby (specifically within its Oadby Grange Ward) has throughout the twentieth century had a trend of delivering larger family residences. Such a continuous trend has caused Oadby to have a higher proportion of larger dwellings than any other areas within the Borough.

The average price of a property in Leicestershire is £209,671 compared to the UK average of £220,713 as of May 2017<sup>58</sup>.

## Deprivation

The Department for Communities and Local Government's 'Indices of Deprivation' (2015)<sup>59</sup> is a measure of deprivation at a local level across England. The indices measure deprivation for each Lower Layer

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<sup>50</sup> GL Hearn for Leicester and Leicestershire Local Planning Authorities and Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership, Leicester & Leicestershire Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (2017)

<sup>51</sup> Three Dragons for Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, Affordable Housing Viability Assessment (2009)

<sup>52</sup> Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, Core Strategy (2010)

<sup>53</sup> Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, Annual Monitoring Reports (2015-2016)

<sup>54</sup> Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, Residential Land Availability Assessment (2017)

<sup>55</sup> DCLG, National Planning Policy Framework (2012)

<sup>56</sup> Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, Residential Land Availability Assessment (2017)

<sup>57</sup> Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, Residential Land Availability Assessment (2017)

<sup>58</sup> UK House Price Index England: May 2017, available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/uk-house-price-index-reports> (accessed July 2017)

<sup>59</sup> English indices of deprivation 2015 available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-indices-of-deprivation-2015> (accessed July 2017)

Super Output Area (LSOA) in England (32,844 areas). Super Output areas are a relatively new geographic demarcation. Generally smaller than wards, but still nesting to ward boundaries, they contain an average population of 1,500 people. The smaller size of these Super Output Areas allows 'pockets' of deprivation within a ward to be highlighted. The Borough of Oadby and Wigston has 10 Wards and 36 LSOAs<sup>60</sup>.

As a whole, the Borough is ranked 249<sup>th</sup> out of 326, (where 1 is the most deprived) by the Indices of Deprivation 2015. The Borough was ranked at 272<sup>nd</sup> in 2010. Deprivation is lower than average, however about 13.8 per cent (1,310) children live in poverty<sup>61</sup>.

### Crime and Democracy

The total number of crimes in the Borough over the annual period ending March 2015 had decreased by 0.9% to 2,492. The violent crime (violence offences) rate recorded for Oadby and Wigston in 2015/2016 was 516 incidents, which equates to 9.2 offences per 1,000 people<sup>62</sup>, which is well below the average for England (17.2 incidents per 1,000 people).

The percentage of people surveyed who agreed that the police and other local services are successfully dealing with Anti-Social Behaviour and crime was 83.8 per cent which ranked Oadby & Wigston as the best performing District in the County<sup>63</sup>. Oadby and Wigston also ranked as the best district in Leicestershire in the reporting period 2012 to 2013 the following categories:

- Percentage think Police are doing a good job
- Percentage think local public services can be relied on to be there
- Percentage think local public services promote the interests of local residents
- Percentage agree that you can influence decisions<sup>64</sup>.

### Health

According to the 2016 Health Profile for Oadby and Wigston<sup>65</sup>, the health of people in this Borough is varied compared with the England average.

Life expectancy for both men and women is higher than the England average, although life expectancy is 9.6 years lower for men<sup>66</sup> and 6.7 years lower for women in the most deprived areas of Oadby and Wigston compared to the least deprived areas.

In 2013-2015, 61.1% of adults were classified as overweight or obese. This is average compared to the rest of England, where the local authorities report a range of 46.5% (best) to 76.2% (worst). Access to Green Infrastructure (GI) can reduce health inequalities and help to increase physical activity by providing people with attractive environments in which to they can exercise.

The Borough has better than average rates of other indicators including:

- Rate of self-harm incidents per 100,000 people
- Rate of smoking related deaths per 100,000 people
- Rates of sexually transmitted infections
- People killed or seriously injured on roads.

### Transport, Services and Facilities

The Borough is close to the M1 and the M69 (access via the A563 Southern District Distributor Road to the north of the Borough), the Midland Mainline between Sheffield and London, as well as the Cross-

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<sup>60</sup> Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire & Rutland Lower Super Output Area Names (2008)

<sup>61</sup> Public Health England, Oadby and Wigston Health Profile (2017)

<sup>62</sup> Public Health England, Oadby and Wigston Health Profile (2017)

<sup>63</sup> Oadby and Wigston Community Safety Partnership, Annual Report, 2014-15

<sup>64</sup> Oadby and Wigston Community Safety Partnership, Annual Report, 2012-13

<sup>65</sup> Public Health England, Oadby and Wigston Health Profile (2017)

<sup>66</sup> Public Health England, Oadby and Wigston Health Profile (2016) - *The value for men was not calculated in the 2017 profile*

Country Railway Line from Birmingham to Peterborough, via Nuneaton and Leicester (stopping in the Borough at South Wigston).

The A6 trunk road which runs from London to Leicester and the A5199 road from Northampton to Leicester are the main 'A' roads in the Borough and provide key transport routes linking to Leicester and surrounding areas. The B582 is an orbital route which links Oadby, Wigston, and South Wigston. Whilst public transport links are relatively established to major destinations such as Leicester, Birmingham, Nottingham and Sheffield, accessibility locally within the Borough via public transport is more of an issue, with a distinct lack of options to allow travel between the three settlements of South Wigston, Wigston and Oadby, as well as to the south to reach Kilby Bridge. This lack of joined up transport infrastructure has a detrimental impact upon congestion on the Borough's roads and also the health of the population because it reduces their access to the Borough's leisure centres, such as Parklands in Oadby.

Leicestershire as a whole has more than 3,000 kilometres of footpaths, bridleways and byways, of which nearly 600 km are byways and bridleways available to horse riders and cyclists. This network provides local routes linking communities and giving access to shops, schools and other facilities<sup>67</sup>. Leicestershire has focused investment in providing better paths close to people's homes, providing safer equestrian links to the carriageway network and providing dedicated cycle routes by, for example, converting sections of disused railway lines.

The University of Leicester has student accommodation and facilities within the Borough, in Oadby. The Borough has a full range of services and facilities available including various social, leisure, cultural and religious buildings along with schools, health centres, clinics and hospitals largely concentrated in urban areas. Where appropriate, the various service providers seek contributions from new development to ensure that the capacity of existing facilities is not breached.

### Town Centres and Shopping Facilities

Oadby and Wigston Borough Council has adopted Masterplans for each of the three centres in the Borough, as well as a Town Centres Area Action Plan for Oadby and Wigston<sup>68</sup>. Given the importance of all three centres to the delivery of the Borough Council's Spatial Strategy<sup>69</sup>, the Council is working hard to improve the quality of each centre and is always seeking partnership working to improve their vitality and viability.

Wigston town centre is regarded as the Borough's main town centre because it has the greatest potential for growth and therefore the Masterplan makes provision to reinforce this by encouraging greater national retailer representation and civic function, whilst continuing to support independent retailers. Oadby is also a key centre for the Borough and attracts a wide range of retailers despite its limitations in size. It is seen to be a hub for catering smaller independent and specialist shops, cafes and restaurants.

Oadby has a strong representation of food and convenience stores, both in the centre and edge of centre. Nationally recognised retailers in this sector with a presence in Oadby include:

- Asda
- Co-Operative Food
- Marks and Spencer Food
- Sainsbury's
- Waitrose

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<sup>67</sup> Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire Local Transport Plan 3 2011-2026,

<sup>68</sup> Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, Town Centres Area Action Plan (2013)

<sup>69</sup> Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, Adopted Core Strategy Policy 1 (2010)

## Economic Characteristics

### Industry and Employment

According to the Office for National Statistics (NOMIS)<sup>70</sup>, between April 2016 and March 2017, the Borough's unemployment rate stood at 3.6 per cent. This compares to an East Midlands unemployment rate of 4.2 per cent and the national employment rate of 4.7 per cent.

NOMIS data shows that employment is provided locally in occupations which have been classified as either being part of the group which contains Managers, Directors and Senior Officials, Professional Occupations or Associate Professional and Technical Occupations at a lower level (39.4%) than at the national level (45.5%). Within the Borough gross weekly pay for full time employees (£460.00) is on average lower than the national figure of £541.00 and the regional figure of £501.70. The people of Oadby and Wigston have a slightly lower level of educational attainment (the percentage of local people who have obtained NVQ4 Level or higher is recorded at 26.9%) than the national percentage of 38.2% but slightly higher than the regional percentage of 31.3%<sup>71</sup>.

The Borough's economy is also influenced by the fact that a proportion of residents, travel outside of the Borough to work. In 2011 a net outward flow of commuters of 16,858 was recorded. The nearby city of Leicester accounted for the highest number of people commuting into (3,041) and out of (13,258) Oadby and Wigston<sup>72</sup>. However, the Borough does have a growing local business culture. The sustainability of existing businesses is good and the Borough generally has lower levels of unemployment and lower claimant rates than within Leicester City, Leicestershire County and the East Midlands Region.

In recent years, the Borough has had relatively little new employment related development taking place. A total of 2.5-3.5 ha of additional land has been identified as part of the Borough's Direction for Growth to the south-east of Wigston in the Core Strategy (2010) up to 2026.

### Education

Leicestershire County Council is the Local Education Authority in Oadby and Wigston and the attainment at 5 or more A\* - C grades at GCSE level of the National Curriculum in the county (65.1%) is above the national average (59.3%)<sup>73</sup>. The Borough also displays a figure which higher than the national (85.3%) in terms of the percentage of residents aged 16-64 with NVQ1 qualifications are higher which is recorded locally as 91.6%<sup>74</sup>.

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<sup>70</sup> NOMIS Labour Market Profile - Oadby And Wigston available at: <http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/> (accessed July 2017)

<sup>71</sup> NOMIS Labour Market Profile - Oadby And Wigston available at: <http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/> (accessed July 2017)

<sup>72</sup> Commuting flows from the Annual Population Survey, Great Britain, 2010 and 2011 available at: <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20160111173140/http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/publications/re-reference-tables.html?edition=tcm%3A77-300966> (accessed July 2017)

<sup>73</sup> Office for National Statistics, Revised GCSE and equivalent results in England: 2015 to 2016 available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/revised-gcse-and-equivalent-results-in-england-2015-to-2016> (accessed July 2017)

<sup>74</sup> NOMIS Labour Market Profile - Oadby And Wigston available at: <http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/> (accessed July 2017)

## **Appendix 4**

### Assumptions Applied During the SA of Site Options

**Table A4.1 Assumptions applied during the SA of site options (red text shows changes since the assumptions were presented in the final SA Scoping Report)**

| SA Objectives   | Sub-objectives   | Assumptions for SA of site options   |
|---|--|--|
| <p><b>Housing provision</b></p> <p>1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.</p>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1a. To improve accessibility to affordable housing.</li> <li>• 1b. To make housing available to people in need taking into account requirements of location, size, type and affordability.</li> <li>• 1c. To improve the quality of housing stock.</li> <li>• 1d. To make the homes more liveable.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Residential site options</b></p> <p>All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive impacts on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development and it is assumed that housing development will incorporate an appropriate proportion of affordable homes. Larger sites will provide opportunities for developing greater numbers of new homes, including affordable homes, and therefore are assumed to have a significant positive impact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large sites (over 1ha) will have a significant positive (++) impact on this objective.</li> <li>• Smaller sites (up to 1ha) will have a minor positive (+) impact on this objective.</li> </ul> <p><b>Commercial site options</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The location of commercial sites is not considered likely to impact upon this objective; therefore the score for all sites will be negligible (0) on this objective.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Health and Wellbeing</b></p> <p>2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2a. To improve people’s health and reduce ill-health.</li> <li>• 2b. To reduce the incidence of death.</li> <li>• 2c. To promote healthy lifestyles.</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Residential site options</b></p> <p>Residential sites that are within 800m easy walking distance of Health Centres/GP Surgeries will ensure that residents have good access to healthcare, whilst sites within 800m easy walking distance of the countryside, areas of open space and sport and recreation facilities and that are within 400m of public rights of way may encourage residents to lead more active lifestyles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sites that are within 800m easy walking distance of a Health Centre / GP Surgery, 800m easy walking distance of the countryside, an area of open space, sport and recreation facility and 400m at least one public right of way will have a significant positive (++) impact on this objective.</li> <li>• Sites that are within 800m easy walking distance of either a Health Centre / GP Surgery, 800m of the countryside, an area of open space, sport and recreation facility or 400m of a public right of way will have a minor positive (+) impact on this objective.</li> <li>• Sites that are more than 800m easy walking distance from a Health Centre / GP Surgery, 800m from the countryside, an area of open space, sport and recreation facility, and more than 400m from a public right of way will have a minor negative (-) impact on this objective.</li> </ul> |

| SA Objectives   | Sub-objectives  | Assumptions for SA of site options   |
|---|---|--|
|   |   | <p>In addition, which could lead to mixed effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sites that are within the countryside would have a minor negative effect (-) as a result of the development reducing access to the countryside.</li> <li>Sites that contain an area of open space, sport and recreation facility or public right of way could have a minor negative effect although this is uncertain (-?) depending on whether the facility in question could be retained within the development site.</li> </ul> <p><b>Commercial site options</b></p> <p>Commercial sites that are within 800m easy walking distance of an area of open space, sport and recreation and within 400m of a public right of way will encourage employees to be active outdoors, thus promoting healthy lifestyles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sites that are within 800m easy walking distance of an area of open space, sport and recreation and 400m of at least one public right of way will have a significant positive (++) impact on this objective.</li> <li>Sites that are either within 800m easy walking distance of an area of open space, sport and recreation or 400m of at least one public right of way will have a minor positive (+) impact on this objective.</li> <li>Sites that are more than 800m easy walking distance of an area of open space, sport and recreation and more than 400m of at least one public right of way will have a minor negative (-) impact on this objective.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Community and Leisure Facilities</b></p> <p>3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3a. To promote access to community and leisure opportunities.</li> <li>3b. To promote healthy lifestyles.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Residential site options</b></p> <p>The effects of potential development sites on this SA objective will depend in part on the provision of community and leisure facilities within the new development, which is unknown at this stage. However, proximity to existing community and leisure facilities will also influence impacts, particularly if those are within 800m easy walking distance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sites that are within 800m easy walking distance of three or more community and leisure facilities are likely to have a significant positive (++) impact on this objective.</li> <li>Sites that are within 800m easy walking distance of one or two community and leisure facilities are likely to have a minor positive (+) impact on this objective.</li> <li>Sites that are more than 800m easy walking distance from a community and leisure facilities are likely to have a minor negative (-) impact on this objective, although this is uncertain (?) depending on whether such facilities are provided within the new housing developments.</li> </ul> <p><b>Commercial site options</b></p>   |

| SA Objectives  | Sub-objectives  | Assumptions for SA of site options   |
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|  |   | <p>The impacts of the potential commercial sites on this SA objective will depend on their proximity to existing community and leisure facilities, particularly if facilities are within 800m easy walking distance so that employees could more easily make use of them during breaks and before and after work. Due to the nature of employment sites, none of the effects are likely to be significant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sites that are within 800m easy walking distance of one or more community and leisure facilities are likely to have a minor positive (+) impact on this objective.</li> <li>Sites that are more than 800m easy walking distance from any community and leisure facilities are likely to have a minor negative (-) impact on this objective.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Community Safety</b></p> <p>4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4a. To improve community safety.</li> <li>4b. To reduce the incidence of crime.</li> <li>4c. To reduce the fear of crime.</li> <li>4d. To reduce anti-social behaviour</li> </ul>                                      | <p><b>All development site options</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the impacts of all of the potential sites on this SA objective will be negligible (0) on this objective.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Social Inclusion</b></p> <p>5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5a. To promote diversity.</li> <li>5b. To reduce levels of deprivation in the area.</li> <li>5c. To address the needs of disadvantaged, minority, and hard to reach groups such as young or elderly people.</li> </ul> | <p><b>All development site options</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible (0) impact on this SA objective.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Integrated Communities</b></p> <p>6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6a. To promote diversity.</li> <li>6b. To promote religious and racial understanding.</li> <li>6c. To improve communications/connectivity in the community.</li> </ul>   | <p><b>All development site options</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible (0) impact on this SA objective.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Historic and Heritage Assets</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7a. To conserve or enhance the historic</li> </ul>   | <p><b>All development site options</b></p>   |

| SA Objectives  | Sub-objectives   | Assumptions for SA of site options   |
|--|--|--|
| <p>7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.</p> | <p>environment, designated and non-designated heritage assets, culturally valued sites, conservation areas and their settings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7b. To conserve or enhance sites of archaeological importance.</li> <li>• 7c. To conserve or enhance sites of architectural or historic importance.</li> </ul> | <p>The NPPF states that the 'significance [of a heritage asset] can be harmed or lost through alteration or destruction of the heritage asset or development within its setting'. However, development could also enhance the significance of the asset (provided that the development preserves those elements of the setting that make a positive contribution to or better reveals the significance of the asset).</p> <p>In all cases, effects will be uncertain at this stage as the potential for negative or positive effects on historic and heritage assets will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities which may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features (e.g. where sympathetic development replaces a derelict Brownfield site which is currently having an adverse effect).</p> <p>As an indication of potential effects on historic and heritage assets from development of any of the site options, the following assumptions and evidence will be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where a site option is more than 500m from the nearest designated heritage assets, a negligible effect is most likely although this is uncertain (0?) as there is still some potential for impacts on non-designated heritage features and effects may extend beyond 500m in exceptional cases.</li> </ul> <p>Where a site option is within 500m of a designated heritage asset, professional judgement (supplied by Planning Officers at Oadby and Wigston Borough Council) and evidence (such as Conservation Area Appraisals and information contained on the Leicestershire Historic Environment Record) will be used to inform judgements. Where there are potential impacts on multiple heritage assets this will also be taken into account.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sites which have potential for heritage assets to be enhanced and their significance to be better revealed could have a minor positive (+?) or significant positive effect (++?) on this objective.</li> <li>• Sites which are unlikely to cause adverse impacts on heritage assets could have a negligible (0?) effect on this objective.</li> <li>• Sites which have the potential to cause harm to heritage assets, but can be mitigated, could have a minor negative (-?) impact on this objective.</li> <li>• Sites which have the potential to cause harm to heritage assets where it is unlikely that these can be adequately mitigated could have a significant negative (--?) impact on this objective.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Natural Environment</b></p>  | <p>• <del>To protect and enhance the natural landscape and</del></p>   | <p><b>All development site options</b></p>   |

| SA Objectives  | Sub-objectives  | Assumptions for SA of site options  |
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| <p>8. Protect and enhance <del>green spaces and to provide opportunities for public access to the countryside</del> biodiversity and geodiversity.</p> | <p><del>green spaces-</del></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>To provide opportunities for access to the countryside-</del></li> <li>• 8a. To conserve and enhance natural habitats.</li> <li>• 8b. To conserve and enhance species protected by Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP)<sup>75</sup></li> <li>• 8c. Protection and enhancement of nationally and locally designated sites.</li> </ul> | <p>The impacts of the potential development sites on <b>designated biodiversity and geodiversity sites</b> (e.g. Local Wildlife Sites, Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI's), Local Geological Sites etc.) will depend in part on the <b>design of developments and the incorporation of mitigation</b> which is uncertain (?) at this stage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a development <b>site option</b> contains or is within 250m of a nationally or locally designated <b>biodiversity or geodiversity site</b>, then the potential for a significant negative (--?) impact will be identified.</li> <li>• Minor negative (-?) impacts will be identified for development <b>site options</b> between 250m <b>and</b> 1km from a designated <b>biodiversity or geodiversity site</b>.</li> <li>• Where a development <b>site option</b> is more than 1km from a designated <b>biodiversity or geodiversity site</b>, a negligible (0?) impact may result.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, which could lead to mixed effects overall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Development site options within the countryside or a green space could have a minor negative effect on biodiversity although this is uncertain (-?) depending on whether the area of land that would be lost to development has biodiversity value.</b></li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Landscape</b></p> <p>9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9a. To encourage development on brownfield sites.</li> <li>• 9b. To avoid the coalescence of settlements.</li> </ul>   | <p><b>All development site options</b></p> <p>There are no National Parks or AONBs in or close to Oadby and Wigston Borough. Where development is proposed on greenfield sites, it may be more likely to impact on the landscape, particularly where site options are large in size. However, effects on the landscape are uncertain until the specific design of development is known. Therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large sites (over 1ha) in any part of the Borough, or small sites (under 1ha) within the countryside, that are on greenfield land could have a significant negative (--?) impact on this objective.</li> <li>• Small sites (under 1ha) that are outside of the countryside and are on greenfield land could have a minor negative (-?) impact on this objective.</li> <li>• Site options of any size on brownfield land could have a negligible (0?) impact on this objective.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, which may result in mixed effects overall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Site options that are within a green wedge could have a significant negative (--?)</b></li> </ul>  |

<sup>75</sup> Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust (2010) Space for Wildlife Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Biodiversity Action Plan (2010-2015)

| SA Objectives   | Sub-objectives   | Assumptions for SA of site options  |
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| <p><b>Water Resources</b></p> <p>10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10a. To help in the prudent use of water.</li> <li>10b. To protect and enhance water quality.</li> <li>10c. To protect the floodplain.</li> <li>10d. To inform developments at risk of being built in a flood risk area.</li> </ul> | <p style="color: red;">effect as they could contribute to the coalescence of settlements.</p> <p><b>All development site options</b></p> <p>While it is recognised that new development in any location may offer good opportunities to incorporate water management systems, including Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS), development of new housing on Greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are large in size or are within high risk flood zones.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sites that are entirely or mainly on Greenfield land that is within flood zones 2, 3a and 3b are likely to have a significant negative (--) impact.</li> <li>Sites that are either entirely or mainly on Greenfield outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b, or that are entirely or mainly on Brownfield within flood zones 2, 3a or 3b are likely to have a minor negative (-) impact.</li> <li>Sites that are on Brownfield land outside flood zones 2, 3a or 3b are likely to have a negligible (0) impact.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Air Quality</b></p> <p>11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.</p>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11a. To improve air quality.</li> <li>11b. To reduce emissions of key transport pollutants.</li> </ul>  | <p><b>All development site options</b></p> <p>Although Borough does not have any Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in areas where development may compound air quality problems, it does undertake an Air Quality Management Assessment annually. Most development is likely to have a negative effect on air quality as increased vehicle traffic from growth in those areas could compound existing air quality problems. In addition, development sites could lead to increased traffic in the area. Larger developments could look to incorporate local sustainable modes of transport to help mitigate that impact. However, impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible (0) impact on this objective.</p>   |
| <p><b>Mineral Resources</b></p> <p>12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.</p>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12a. To encourage the prudent use of mineral resources.</li> <li>12b. To avoid or reduce land pollution.</li> </ul>   | <p><b>All development site options</b></p> <p>All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however we will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated in the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible (0) impact on this objective.</p>   |

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| <p><b>Renewable Energy</b></p> <p>13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13a. To improve the energy efficiency of housing.</li> <li>13b. To reduce energy consumption.</li> <li>13c. To encourage the development of renewable energy resources.</li> </ul>                     | <p><b>All development site options</b></p> <p>While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible (0) impact on this objective.</p>  |
| <p><b>Climate Change</b></p> <p>14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14a. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions from domestic, commercial and industrial sources.</li> <li>14b. To plan and implement adaptation measures for the likely effects of climate change.</li> </ul> | <p><b>All development site options</b></p> <p>Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible (0) impact on this objective.</p> |
| <p><b>Sustainable Development</b></p> <p>15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15a. To encourage people to live and work in the area.</li> <li>15b. To minimise adverse impacts upon the local, national and global environment.</li> </ul>   | <p><b>All development site options</b></p> <p>The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all other sites will have a negligible (0) impact on this SA objective.</p>   |
| <p><b>Education and Training</b></p> <p>16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.</p>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16a. To improve the standards of education and training in the area for all.</li> <li>16b. To impact on the educational attainment of the population, e.g. number of people with</li> </ul>            | <p><b>Residential site options</b></p> <p>The impacts of residential development on this objective will depend on the availability of school, college and training opportunities to serve the growing population, which will depend in part on whether new places are provided as part of the new housing development, which is unknown at this stage. Impacts will also depend on the proximity of sites to existing schools, colleges and training institutions, although there are uncertainties (?) as the impacts will depend on there being capacity at those schools and</p>  |

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|  | <p>qualifications?</p>   | <p>colleges to accommodate new pupils.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sites that are within 800m easy walking distance of at least two of either a primary school, secondary school or college will have a significant positive (++) impact on this objective.</li> <li>Sites that are within 800m easy walking distance of one of either a primary school, secondary school or college will have a minor positive (+?) impact on this objective.</li> <li>Sites that are more than 800m easy walking distance from any primary schools, secondary schools or college facilities will have a minor negative (-?) impact on this objective.</li> </ul> <p><b>Commercial site options</b></p> <p>The impacts of new commercial development on this objective are likely to be positive as it should result in improved opportunities for work-based training and skills development. The extent of the positive impact will be affected by the size of the commercial site as larger sites are likely to offer particularly good opportunities for higher numbers of people to obtain new skills and training opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large sites (over 1ha) may have a significant positive (++) impact on this objective.</li> <li>Small sites (less than 1ha) may have a minor positive (+?) impact on this objective.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Access to Employment Opportunities</b></p> <p>17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17a. To impact the economic activity profile of the area.</li> <li>17b. To increase the proportion of working age people in employment.</li> <li>17c. To provide employment opportunities for local people.</li> <li>17d. To increase the number of jobs available.</li> <li>17e. To offer employment opportunities to</li> </ul> | <p><b>Residential site options</b></p> <p>While the location of residential sites will not influence the number of employment opportunities in the Borough, the proximity of housing to employment opportunities and public transport links can affect people’s ability to access jobs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residential sites that are within 400m easy walking distance (400m) of one or more public transport node as well as 800m easy walking distance one or more existing identified employment area will have a significant positive (++) impact on this objective.</li> <li>Residential sites that are within 400m easy walking distance of either at least one or more public transport node or 800m easy walking distance of one or more existing identified employment area will have a minor positive (+)</li> </ul>  |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>disadvantaged groups. 17f. To increase employment opportunities for those living in rural areas.</li> </ul> | <p>impact on this objective.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residential sites that are not within 400m easy walking distance of either at least one or more public transport node or 800m easy walking distance of one or more existing identified employment area will have a minor negative (-) impact on this objective.</li> </ul> <p><b>Commercial site options</b></p> <p>The provision of new commercial sites is likely to have a positive impact on this objective by ensuring that new job opportunities are provided to match the population growth that will result from housing development through other residential site allocations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large sites (over 1ha) are likely to have a significant positive (++) impact on this objective.</li> <li>Small sites (up to 1ha) are likely to have a minor positive (+) impact on this objective.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Redevelopment of Brownfield Land</b></p> <p>18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18a. To encourage development on previously developed land.</li> </ul>                                      | <p><b>All development site options</b></p> <p>Where development takes place on Greenfield land, it is a less efficient use of land than development on Brownfield sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large sites (over 1ha) on Brownfield land will have a significant positive (++) impact on this objective.</li> <li>Small sites (under 1ha) on Brownfield land will have a minor positive (+) impact on this objective.</li> <li>Small sites (under 1ha) on Greenfield land will have a minor negative (-) impact on this objective.</li> <li>Large sites (over 1ha) on Greenfield land will have a significant negative (--) impact on this objective.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Sustainable Design</b></p> <p>19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction.</p>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19a. To encourage high standards of design and construction.</li> </ul>                                     | <p><b>All development site options</b></p> <p>Specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater impact upon this objective at the application stage and</p>   |

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|   |   | therefore all sites will have a negligible (0) impact on this objective.  |
| <p><b>Waste Management</b></p> <p>20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling.</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20a. To reduce the amount of waste produced.</li> <li>• 20b. To reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill.</li> <li>• 20c. To improve the opportunities for recycling.</li> <li>• 20d. To increase reuse/recovery from waste.</li> </ul> | <p><b>All development site options</b></p> <p>While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible (0) impact on this objective.</p>  |
| <p><b>Access to Services</b></p> <p>21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21a. To enable easy access to a range of high quality services and facilities.</li> <li>• 21b. To improve accessibility for people in hard to reach groups.</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Residential site options</b></p> <p>The Borough of Oadby and Wigston is predominantly urban and therefore has a high number of services in close proximity to development, in each of the Borough's town, district and local centres. The location of potential development sites could affect this objective by influencing people's ability to physically access services and facilities. Where residential sites are within 800m easy walking distance of town, district or local centres, residents (particularly those without cars) will be more easily able to access those facilities. Good public transport links will also be beneficial as they will enable residents to reach services and facilities that are further away without having to rely on the use of private cars.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sites that are within 800m easy walking distance of three or more town, district or local centres, as well as 400m of one or more public transport nodes, will have a significant positive (++) impact on this objective.</li> <li>• Sites that are within 800m easy walking distance of two town, district or local centres (regardless of proximity to public transport nodes) will have a minor positive (+) impact on this objective.</li> <li>• Sites that are within 800m easy walking distance of one town, district or local centre and / or 400, easy walking distance of at least one public transport node will have a negligible (0) impact.</li> <li>• Sites that are not within 800m easy walking distance of any town, district or local centres, but which are within 400m easy walking distance of at least one</li> </ul> |

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|   |  | <p>public transport node will have a minor negative (-) impact on this objective.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sites that are not within 800m easy walking distance of any town, district or local centres or 400m easy walking distance of any public transport nodes will have a significant negative (--) impact on this objective.</li> </ul> <p><b>Commercial site options</b></p> <p>While commercial sites are not expected to have a significant impact on this objective, where commercial sites are within 800m easy walking distance of town, district and local centres, employees will be more easily able to access these services and facilities during breaks, as well as before and after work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sites that are within 800m easy walking distance of a town, district or local centre will have a minor positive (+) impact on this objective.</li> <li>Sites that are not within 800m easy walking distance of a town, district or local centre will have a minor negative (-) impact on this objective.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Sustainable Transport</b></p> <p>22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>22a. To improve use of public transport.</li> <li>22b. To improve access to goods and services by public transport.</li> <li>22c. To encourage use of sustainable modes of travel.</li> <li>22d. To encourage active lifestyles.</li> </ul> | <p><b>All development site options</b></p> <p>The proximity of development sites to public transport links and public rights of way will determine impacts on this SA objective.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sites that are within 400m easy walking distance of both one or more public transport node and one or more public right of way are likely to have a significant positive (++) impact on this objective.</li> <li>Sites that are within 400m easy walking distance of either one or more public transport node or one or more public right of way are likely to have a minor positive (+) impact on this objective.</li> <li>Sites that are more than 400m easy walking distance from either one or more public transport node or one or more public right of way are likely to have a minor negative (-) impact on this objective.</li> </ul>   |

## Appendix 5

### SA Matrices for the Site Allocations and Alternative Options

The matrices below present the full assessment results for the site allocations and reasonable alternative site options considered in compiling the Oadby and Wigston Local Plan. These have been presented in order of the site reference number. Where a site has been allocated, this has been noted in the matrix title.

## Residential site options

### OWBC10: Oadby Sewerage Treatment Works, off Wigston Road, Oadby (residential use)

| SA Objectives   | SA Scores | Justification  |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | ++        | This is a relatively large site (2.63 ha) and as such it could potentially provide a high number of new homes to help meet local need over the plan period. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | +         | The site is well placed with regards to access to outdoor spaces and healthcare facilities. Iliffe Avenue Park is within located 165m to the north east of the site - this also contains a children's and young people's space. There is another park on Brabazon Road is located within 500m to the north east of the site which also contains a children's and young people's space, bowling green and tennis court. There are allotments on Wigston Road located within 180m to the south of the site and Brockshill Country Park is located within 290m to the south east of the site. There are also three GP's within close proximity to the site; Dr S Z Husain & Partners is located within 785m of the site, Oadby Urgent Care Centre is located within 575m of the site and Dr MJ Davies & Partners is located within 700m of the site. The site, however, is not located in close proximity to any existing public rights of way and as such an overall minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.   | ++        | The site is located within 430m of Parklands Leisure Centre on Wigston Road to the south east and is within 615m of Brock Hill Environment Centre and Country Park which is also to the south east. Ellis Park Pavilion is located within 555m to the north east of the site on Brabazon Road. The close proximity of the site to these community and leisure facilities may enable new residents to easily make use of these facilities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.  | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined  |

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|  |           | through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the impacts of all of the potential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.  |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | +?/-?     | An Area of Archaeological Potential is located within 455m to the south east of this site and Oadby Court Conservation Area is located within 620m of the site to the north east. The site currently contains a sewage treatment works and as such the provision of a high quality residential development at this location may have a minor positive effect by enhancing the setting of these heritage assets. The Oadby Court Conservation Area Appraisal and Development Control Guidance (2007) does not specially address the site or the area around the site and given the distance of the site from the heritage assets identified and the existing development between the site and these assets (specifically at Iliffe Avenue and Brabazon Road) any negative effects expected on their respective settings are likely to be minor. Both the positive and negative effects identified are uncertain given that they will be dependent upon the specific design of the development which is unknown at this stage. |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | -?        | The site is located in relatively close proximity of a number of designated biodiversity sites. Oadby Municipal Golf Course Local Wildlife Site is located within 335m to the south west of the site. To the south east of the site there is a potential Local Wildlife Site within 465m and a candidate Local Wildlife Site (Brock's Hill mature trees) is located within 435m. The close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features means that there is potential for detrimental impacts on local habitats during both the construction phase and once residential properties have been occupied. As such, a  |

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|  |           | potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The effect is, however, uncertain at this stage given that the design of developments and potential incorporation of mitigation has not been established yet.   |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | 0?        | The site is relatively large (2.63ha) but is located on brownfield land as it is currently developed as part of a sewage works. As development on this site would make use of previously developed land it is expected to have a negligible effect on this SA objective. The negligible effect on the landscape is, however, uncertain given that it will be influenced by the specific design of development.  |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | 0         | The site is on brownfield land, mainly outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. There is a small area comprising flood zones 2 and 3 within the south west corner of the site, although this area comprises only a small portion of the overall site. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution; however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.                                   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location and all sites will therefore have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions   | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas  |

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| to mitigate the rate of climate change.  |           | emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The likely effects of development sites in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all of the site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | +?        | The site is located within reasonable walking distance (800m) of a number of education facilities. Langmoor Primary School is the closest and is located on Kenilworth Drive within 295m to the east of the site. St John Fisher Catholic Primary School is located within 495m of the site to the south and Glenmere County Primary School is located within 705m of the site to the south east. The close proximity of these education facilities would provide new residents with easy access to nearby learning opportunities at primary schools and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The positive effect is uncertain given that access to these schools will be dependent upon their capacity. |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | ++        | The site is located adjacent to Mandervell Road/Kenilworth Drive Industrial Estate and is also located in close proximity of a number of public transport nodes which might provide residents with access to employment opportunities further afield. Bus stops are located on Wigston Road within 310m to the south of the site and also within 375m to the south east of the site. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | ++        | This is a relatively large site (2.63ha) located on brownfield land which is currently developed as part of a sewage works. As such, development at this location would involve the use of a large amount of previously developed land and a significant positive effect is likely.   |
| 19. To promote and ensure high   | 0         | Specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy  |

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| standards of sustainable design and construction  |           | infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater impact upon this objective at the application stage and therefore all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.               |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | 0         | The site is located within reasonable walking distance (800m) of only one town, district or local centre, the local centre at Brabazon Road in Oadby which is within 350m to the east of the site. The site is, however, located within walking distance of four bus stops on Brabazon Road and Wigston Road. As such new residents would have a limited level of access to facilities which are within walking distance located at the nearby local centre but may be able to access facilities further afield making use of the public transport nodes identified. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall. |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | +         | While the site is not located within 400m of any public rights of way, four bus stops are located to the east and south east within walking distance. Two of these bus stops are located at Brabazon Road by Cartwright Drive within 345m and 370m respectively and two bus stops are located at Wigston Road within 310m and 375m respectively. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.   |

#### OWBC12: Britford Avenue, Wigston (residential use)

| SA Objectives  | SA Scores | Justification   |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of | +         | All housing site options would have positive effects on this SA objective due to the nature of the development proposed. This site option is relatively small (0.68ha); therefore it would make a limited contribution to meeting local housing needs and a |

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| services.  |           | minor positive effect is expected.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services.  | +/-?      | This site is located within 625m of a children's play area to the east and is also within 695m of a number of areas for outdoor sport at the playing fields at Exmoor Close also to the east. The site is not located within close proximity of any public rights of way or healthcare facilities, however. In addition the site is currently used as school playing fields and therefore development at this location could result in the loss of this facility. The minor positive effect is as such expected to be combined with a minor negative effect for this SA objective. The minor negative effect is uncertain depending on whether the school playing fields could be retained within the new development. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.  | +         | The site is located within 615m of Wigston Swimming Pool on Station Road to the north west and within 655m of Horsewell Lane Pavilion and Recreation Ground to the east. As such the site provides a relatively good level of access to existing community and leisure facilities and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible.   |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all  |

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|  |           | sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.                | 0?        | There are no designated heritage assets within close proximity of this site, the closest being an Area of Archaeological Interest approximately 625m to the east. A negligible effect is therefore most likely on this SA objective. As there is still some potential for impacts on non-designated heritage features, and because effects may extend beyond 500m in exceptional cases, the negligible effect is uncertain.  |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | --?       | The site is located within close proximity of the Local Wildlife Site Rough Grassland, Landsdowne Grove, South Wigston which is to the west within 30m. In addition Navvy's Pit Local Wildlife Site is located within 270m of the site to the south east and Bushlow High School Ash candidate Local Wildlife Site is located within 310m of the site to the north. Given the close proximity of the development site to these areas which have been designated due to their importance and sensitivity in terms of biodiversity, a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that it may be possible through the sympathetic design of any new development to incorporate appropriate mitigation or even to promote local habitat connectivity. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | -?        | This is a relatively small site which is on greenfield land outside of the area of the Borough which has been identified as countryside. The loss of this greenfield land is expected to result in a minor negative effect on this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain, however, given that effects on the landscape will be dependent upon the specific design of development.   |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | -         | This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, residential development at this location has the potential to increase the Boroughs' vulnerability to flooding given that it would increase the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough, although not in the areas of highest flood risk. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on  |

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|  |           | sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                              | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                               | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts. | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all other sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.                  | ++?       | Little Hill County Primary School on Launceston Road is located within 115m of the site to the north east. Wigston Academy (secondary school) and Wigston College are located to the north west of the site on Station Road within 575m and 590m respectively. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, given that effects will depend on there being capacity at  |

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|   |           | those schools to accommodate new pupils which is not yet known.  |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population.                                | ++        | There are two bus stops on Launceston Road to the north east within 290m and 335m respectively and a further two bus stops within 315m to the east. The site is also located within walking distance of the existing employment area at Magna Road and Blaby Road which is 110m to the north west. As the site would provide a good level of access to employment opportunities, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.  | -         | This is a relatively small site (0.68ha) on greenfield land; therefore a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction   | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | +         | This site is located within 280m of Little Hill Shopping Parade (a local centre) to the east and Wigston town centre is within 800m to the north east. The site is also located within close proximity of a number of public transport nodes – there are two bus stops on Launceston Road to the north east within 290m and 335m respectively and a further two bus stops within 315m to the east. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of   | +         | The site is located within close proximity of a number of public transport nodes –   |

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| public transport and public rights of way. |           | there are two bus stops on Launceston Road to the north east within 290m and 335m respectively and a further two bus stops within 315m to the east. However, there are no public rights of way within 400m of the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this objective. |

#### OWBC14: Land at Bennett Way, South Wigston (residential use) - Allocated

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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                         | +         | All housing site options would have positive effects on this SA objective due to the nature of the development proposed. This site option is relatively small (0.13ha); therefore it would make a limited contribution to meeting local housing needs and a minor positive effect is expected.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services.        | ++        | South Wigston Health Centre is located less than 200m to the south of the site, and there are a number of outdoor sport spaces, children and young people's spaces and a bridleway lying further south within 400m. Due to the close proximity of these facilities, a significant positive effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.  |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.  | +         | The site is located within 420m of Blaby Road Park Bowling Green to the south and Wigston Swimming Pool is within 500m to the east. As such the site provides a relatively good level of access to existing community and leisure facilities and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible. |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |

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| young, elderly and deprived people.  |           |  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.                | +?/-?     | The site is directly adjacent to South Wigston Conservation Area at the western boundary. In addition, Midland Cottages Conservation Area is within 400m to the east. The South Wigston Conservation Area Appraisal has identified a number of areas which are presented as potential redevelopment sites. One of these areas at Station Street is located adjacent to the site and therefore new development which is consistent with that at the potential redevelopment site within the Conservation Area may potentially strengthen the character of the area surrounding the Conservation Area and as such it's setting. The site is located in very close proximity to this Conservation Area; however its small size (0.13ha) means that the potential for a negative effect on the built environment at this location is likely to be minor. Both effects identified in relation to this SA objective are uncertain as they will be dependent upon the design of any scheme proposed which is unknown at this stage. |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | --?       | The site is located within very close proximity (40m) of Wigston Triangle Local Wildlife Site to the north. The close proximity of this site means that there is potential for detrimental impacts on local habitats and species and a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that the design of the new development may allow for appropriate mitigation to be incorporated.  |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | 0?        | The site is located on brownfield land which has already been developed as part of a car parking facility. Therefore, a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain until the specific design of the development is known.   |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | 0         | This site is on brownfield land outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, residential development at this location would not increase the Boroughs' vulnerability to flooding and a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.  |

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| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.                       | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                              | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution; however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                               | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts. | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |

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| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | ++?       | The site is located within 800m of two primary schools (one to the north and one to the south west), two secondary schools (one to the east and one to the south west) and two colleges (one to the south and one to the east). Due to the high number of educational facilities nearby, a significant positive effect is likely in relation to this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, given that effects will depend on there being capacity at these schools and colleges to accommodate new pupils which is not yet known.  |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | ++        | The site is immediately adjacent to an identified employment area to the west and there is another within very close proximity to the north, as well as another within 170m to the east. In addition to this, there are a number of bus stops within 400m to the south, and another bus stop located approximately 210m to the north which could provide access to employment opportunities further afield. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | +         | This site option is relatively small (0.13ha) and is located on brownfield land. Therefore, a minor positive effect on this SA objective is likely.  |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction  | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people,  | ++        | The site is within 800m of two local centres: Gloucester Crescent approximately 600m to the north west, and Queens Drive approximately 780m to the north east. In  |

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| elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. |           | addition, South Wigston Town Centre is within 100m to the south west and there are a number of bus stops within 400m of the site; therefore a significant positive effect on this objective is likely. |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.                        | ++        | There are a number of bus stops within 400m of the site, in addition to a bridleway within 200m to the south. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.     |

### OWBC15: Land to the west of A5199, Kilby Bridge (residential use) – Not allocated but partly within Kilby Bridge Settlement Envelope

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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | ++        | All housing site options would have positive effects on this SA objective due to the nature of the development proposed. This site option is relatively large (1.03ha); therefore a significant positive effect is expected.  |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | +/-       | There is no GP surgery or health centre within walking distance of this site. However, there are three outdoor football pitches and one children and young people's space within 800m, along with a number of footpaths and bridleways within 400m. This means that development on this site is likely have a minor positive effect in relation to this SA objective. This minor positive effect is likely to be combined within a minor negative effect, however, given that the site contains land which has been identified as being part of countryside in the Borough and so development may reduce access to the countryside. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.   | +         | The site is within 800m of Horsewell Lane Pavilion and Recreation Ground, although there are no other community or leisure facilities within walking distance. The likely effect on this SA objective is therefore minor positive.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.  | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site   |

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|  |           | options on this SA objective will be negligible.   |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | --?       | This site lies entirely within the Grand Union Canal Conservation Area, and Areas of Archaeological Potential can be found within 300m to the north and west. The Grand Union Canal Conservation Area does not have a conservation area appraisal; however development at this location may affect its special character. As such a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The potential significant negative effect is uncertain given that any impact upon local character will be dependent upon the specific design of the new development which is not yet known.  |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | --?       | The site is located adjacent to the Grand Union Canal Local Wildlife Site to the south. Kilby-Foxton Canal SSSI is also located within 60m of the site to the east. The closest Regionally Important Geological Site is located within 265m to the north east. The close proximity of the site to these biodiversity and geodiversity features means that there is potential for detrimental impacts on local habitats and species and a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. Given that any detrimental impacts on local biodiversity and geodiversity will be dependent upon the design of the new development and that there may be potential for improving habitat connectivity, the negative effect expected is currently uncertain. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.   | --?       | This site option is relatively large (1.03ha), and is located partly on greenfield land. It is also within an area of the Borough which has been identified as countryside. As such, development of residential properties at this location has the potential to   |

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|  |           | detrimentally impact upon the landscape and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that it will be influenced by the specific design of the development which is not yet known.  |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | --        | The site is partly on greenfield land with some areas of flood zones 2 and 3 running through the centre of it. Development here is therefore likely to have a significant negative effect on this SA objective.  |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.                                   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                       | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be  |

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|  |           | known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | +?        | Wigston Thythorn Fields County Primary School is located 250m north of this site, meaning that a minor positive effect is most likely in relation to this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, given that effects will depend on there being capacity at that school to accommodate new pupils which is not yet known.  |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | -         | The site is not located within 400m of any public transport nodes, or within 800m of any identified employment areas. This means that a minor negative effect is likely for this SA objective.   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | --        | This site option is relatively large (1.03ha), and is located partly on greenfield land. This means that development on this land is likely to have a significant negative effect on this SA objective.  |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction  | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. |

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|   |           | Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | 0         | The site is within 800m of Little Hill Shopping Parade (a local centre). However, there are no public transport nodes within 400m. This means that a negligible effect is likely in relation to this SA objective overall. |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | +         | While the site is not within 400m of any public transport nodes, there are a number of footpaths and bridleways within 400m. This mean that a minor positive effect is likely in regards to this SA objective overall.     |

#### OWBC16: Land west of Welford Road, south of Wigston (residential use) - Allocated

| SA Objectives   | SA Scores | Justification  |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | ++        | All housing site options would have positive effects on this SA objective due to the nature of the development proposed. This site option is relatively large (2.05ha); meaning that a significant positive effect is expected.  |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | +         | The site is located adjacent to an area of land which has been identified as part of the countryside in the Borough and is also located within 500m of three football pitches and a children and young people's space, to the north west. Additionally, a public footpath is located within 400m to the south. However, there is no GP surgery or health centre within 800m, meaning that development on this site is likely to have a minor positive effect overall in relation to this SA objective. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.   | +         | The site is within 490m of Horsewell Lane Pavilion and Recreation Ground to the north west, although there are no other community or leisure facilities within walking distance. Therefore, the likely effect on this SA objective is minor positive.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.  | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be  |

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|  |           | influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible.   |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | --?       | This site is located within an Area of Archaeological Potential, and the Grand Union Canal Conservation Area is located within 275m to the south. As the site is located within an area of Archaeological Potential, development is likely to require an archaeological assessment and may potentially require suitable mitigation to prevent significant negative effects on buried archaeology which is likely to be present at the site. A potential significant negative effect is therefore identified on this SA objective. The significant negative effect is uncertain given that it may be possible to incorporate appropriate mitigation measures into the design of the new development.  |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | --?       | The site is located in close proximity to a number of identified biodiversity and geodiversity features. Barn Pool Meadow (Cooks Lane grassland) Local Wildlife Site is located within 120m of the site to the east, Foston Gate Meadow Local Wildlife Site is located within 145m of the site to the north east and Grand Union Canal Local Wildlife Site is located within 340m of the site to the south. The closest Regionally Important Geological Sites to the site is located within 240m of the site to the south east and the closest SSSI to the site is located at Kilby-Foxton Canal within 345m to the south east. The close proximity of the these biodiversity and geodiversity sites means there is potential for development at this location to affect them during the construction phase and also once the residential properties proposed have been occupied. A potential significant negative effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA |

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|  |           | objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that proposals for development may involve mitigation measures through sympathetic design and may even provide for enhancements such as increased habitat connectivity.  |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | --?       | Although the site is not located on land which falls within an area of the Borough which has been identified as countryside or on land which is within a designated green wedge it does take up a sizeable area (2.05ha) of greenfield land. As such the loss of this relatively large area of greenfield land may have detrimental impacts on the surrounding landscape and a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that it will be influenced by the specific design of development which is not yet known. |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | --        | This site is located on greenfield land and there are areas of flood zones 2 and 3 in the south eastern corner. A significant negative effect is therefore likely in relation to this SA objective.  |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.                        |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.                                   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a   |

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|  |           | negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.   | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | +?        | Wigston Thythorn Fields County Primary School is located 80m south west of this site but there are no secondary schools or colleges within 800m, meaning that a minor positive effect is likely overall in relation to this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, given that effects will depend on there being capacity at that school to accommodate new pupils which is not yet known.   |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | +         | There are five bus stops within 400m of the site, one to the north west and four to the north east on Foston Gate. However, there are no identified employment areas within walking distance of the site; therefore a minor positive impact is likely overall in relation to this SA objective.   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | --        | This site option is relatively large (2.05ha) and is located on greenfield land, meaning that development on this land is likely to have a significant negative effect on this SA objective.  |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction  | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage   |

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|   |           | and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | 0         | Little Hill Shopping Parade (a local centre) is located less than 650m to the north west of this site, and there are five bus stops within 400m to the north west and north east. Overall, a negligible effect is therefore predicted in regards to this SA objective.   |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | ++        | The site is within 400m of five bus stops, four of which are located on Foston Gate to the north east and one of which is to the north west. Additionally, a footpath is located within 400m to the south of the site. Therefore, a significant positive effect is predicted in regards to this SA objective.  |

**OWBC17: Further Wigston DFG area, south-east of Wigston (residential and associated uses) – (see OWBC17a below)**

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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services. | ++        | All housing site options would have positive effects on this SA objective due to the nature of the development proposed. This site option is very large (54.11ha); meaning that a significant positive effect is predicted, even though some of the site is proposed for associated (non-residential) uses.                                 |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and                     | +?/-      | There are no GP surgeries or health centres located within walking distance of this site. However, within 800m to the west of the site there are three football pitches and a children's and young people's space. Oadby and Wigston Borough Council has also indicated that sports pitches would be provided as part of the development of |

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| providing access to health services.   |           | this site. Additionally, nearby footpaths join onto the bridleway running through the centre of the site. The site is, however, located on an area of land which has been identified as being countryside within the Borough. As such access to the countryside as well as access to the footpath which runs through the site may be lost if development was to proceed at this location. This means that an overall mixed effect is expected on this SA objective (potential but uncertain minor positive and minor negative).  |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.  | ++?       | Horsewell Lane Pavilion and Recreation Ground is located 500m to the west of the site, although there are no other community or leisure facilities within walking distance. However, the Council has indicated that community facilities would be provided onsite as part of the development, although their nature is unknown. The likely effect on this SA objective is therefore a potential but uncertain significant positive.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible. |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic   | --?       | The site is located directly east of an Area of Archaeological Potential, and there are  |

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| environment, heritage assets and their settings.                   |           | two further Areas of Archaeological Potential within 90m and 370m respectively to the north. Additionally, Grand Union Canal Conservation Area is located within 30m to the south of the site. The site is quite large (54.11ha) meaning that there is increased potential for the development of this greenfield land to impact negatively upon the setting of the Grand Union Canal Conservation Area. The large size of the site means that there is potential for negative impacts on the Area of Archaeological Potential which is adjacent to the site to the east in particular. A potential significant negative effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that it may be possible to mitigate negative impacts on areas which are likely to contain buried archaeology and given that sympathetic design may help to prevent negative impacts on local the special character of the Grand Union Canal Conservation Area.   |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.              | --?       | The site contains and is located in close proximity to a number of biodiversity and geodiversity features. Wigston Harcourt: Cooks/Newton Lane Ash 1 candidate Local Wildlife Site, Wigston Harcourt: Cooks/Newton Lane Ash 2 candidate Local Wildlife Site, Wigston Harcourt, Cooks Lane hedge candidate Local Wildlife Site, Cooks Lane Pasture candidate Local Wildlife Site and Barn Pool Meadow (Cooks Lane grassland) Local Wildlife Site are all located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the site. Foston Gate Meadow Local Wildlife Site and Kilby-Foxton Canal SSSI are also located adjacent to the site to the north and south respectively. The closest Regionally Important Geological Sites is also located adjacent to the site to the south. The site is also located within an area of the Borough which has been identified as countryside and this land may also be of importance in terms of habitat provision. A potential significant negative effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain given that any residential proposal which comes forward for this site may allow for sympathetic design and mitigation measures to be incorporated. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape. | --?       | The site is located within an area of the Borough which has been identified as countryside but is not within a designated green wedge. The development of the site would result in the loss of a sizeable area (54.11ha) of greenfield land, which may have detrimental impacts on the surrounding local landscape and a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that it will be influenced by the specific design of development which is not yet known.  |

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| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | -         | This site is located on mainly greenfield land although there are some buildings scattered throughout. There is an area in the north western corner of the site which is within flood zones 2 and 3, although this is relatively small compared to the rest of the site and it should be possible to avoid development taking place in that part of the site. Therefore, a minor negative effect is predicted in relation to this SA objective.   |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.                                   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                       | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a |

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|  |           | negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | +?        | Wigston Thythorn Fields County Primary School is located 230m west of this site, meaning that a minor positive effect is most likely regarding this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, given that effects will depend on there being capacity at that school to accommodate new pupils which is not yet known. In addition, the Council has indicated that a primary school could be provided as part of the development of this large site, although there are no secondary schools or colleges within 800m and there is no indication that they would be provided in association with the development of this site. |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | ++        | Although there are no identified employment areas within 800m of the site, the Council has indicated that employment development would be included within this site. In addition, there are eight bus stops within 400m to the north. This means that a significant positive effect is predicted regarding this SA objective.  |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | --        | This site option is very large (54.11ha) and is located on mainly greenfield land although the site has a small number of buildings scattered throughout. It is therefore likely that there will be a significant negative effect on this SA objective.  |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction  | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend   |

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|   |           | upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | +         | Little Hill Shopping Parade is located within 800m to the west of this site, and Oadby and Wigston Borough Council has indicated that a local centre would be developed as part of this site. In addition, there are eight bus stops within 400m to the north. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore predicted.              |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | ++        | There are eight bus stops located within 400m north of the site, along with public footpaths adjoining directly to the site. These footpaths connect to a bridleway which runs through the centre of the site. Due to the range of transport options nearby, it is likely that there will be a significant positive effect on this SA objective. |

#### OWBC17a: Amended Further Wigston DFG area, south-east of Wigston (Phase 2) - Allocated

| SA Objectives   | SA Scores | Justification   |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | ++        | All housing site options would have positive effects on this SA objective due to the nature of the development proposed. This site option is very large (41.73ha); meaning that a significant positive effect is predicted, even though some of the site is proposed for associated (non-residential) uses.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | +?/-      | There are no GP surgeries or health centres located within walking distance of this site. However, within 800m to the west of the site there are three football pitches and a children's and young people's space. Oadby and Wigston Borough Council has also indicated that sports pitches would be provided as part of the development of this site. Additionally, nearby footpaths join onto the bridleway running through the centre of the site. The site is, however, located on an area of land which has been identified as being countryside within the Borough. As such access to the countryside as well as access to the footpath which runs through the site may be lost if development was to proceed at this location. This means that an overall mixed effect is expected on this SA objective (potential but uncertain minor positive and minor negative). |

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| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.  | ++?       | Horsewell Lane Pavilion and Recreation Ground is located 500m to the west of the site, although there are no other community or leisure facilities within walking distance. However, the Council has indicated that community facilities would be provided onsite as part of the development, although their nature is unknown. The likely effect on this SA objective is therefore a potential but uncertain significant positive.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible.   |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | --?       | The site is located directly to the east of an Area of Archaeological Potential. Two further Areas of Archaeological Potential are located adjacent to the north and within 370m to the north of the site respectively. Additionally, Grand Union Canal Conservation Area is located within 30m to the south of the site. The site is quite large (41.73ha) meaning that there is increased potential for the development of this greenfield land to impact negatively upon the setting of the Grand Union Canal Conservation Area. The large size of the site means that there is potential for negative impacts on the Area of Archaeological Potential which is adjacent to the site to the east in particular. A potential significant negative effect is therefore identified |

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|  |           | in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that it may be possible to mitigate negative impacts on areas which are likely to contain buried archaeology and given that sympathetic design may help to prevent negative impacts on local the special character of the Grand Union Canal Conservation Area.   |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | --?       | The site contains and is located in close proximity to a number of biodiversity and geodiversity features. Wigston Harcourt: Cooks/Newton Lane Ash 1 candidate Local Wildlife Site, Wigston Harcourt: Cooks/Newton Lane Ash 2 candidate Local Wildlife Site, Wigston Harcourt, Cooks Lane hedge candidate Local Wildlife Site, Cooks Lane Pasture candidate Local Wildlife Site and Barn Pool Meadow (Cooks Lane grassland) Local Wildlife Site are all located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the site. Kilby-Foxton Canal SSSI is located at the other side of the railway line to the south of the site and Foston Gate Meadow Local Wildlife Site is located within 65m to the north west of the site. The closest Regionally Important Geological Sites is also located adjacent to the site to the south. The site is also located within an area of the Borough which has been identified as countryside and this land may also be of importance in terms of habitat provision. A potential significant negative effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain given that any residential proposal which comes forward for this site may allow for sympathetic design and mitigation measures to be incorporated. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | --?       | The site is located within an area of the Borough which has been identified as countryside but is not within a designated green wedge. The development of the site would result in the loss of a sizeable area (41.73ha) of greenfield land, which may have detrimental impacts on the surrounding local landscape and a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that it will be influenced by the specific design of development which is not yet known.  |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | -         | This site is located on mainly greenfield land although there are some buildings scattered throughout. There is a small area of land at the western edge of the site which is within flood zones 2 and 3, although this is relatively small compared to the rest of the site and it should be possible to avoid development taking place in that part of the site. Therefore, a minor negative effect is predicted in relation to this SA objective.  |

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| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.                       | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                              | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                               | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts. | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |

| SA Objectives  | SA Scores | Justification  |
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| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | +?        | Wigston Thythorn Fields County Primary School is located 230m west of this site, meaning that a minor positive effect is most likely regarding this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, given that effects will depend on there being capacity at that school to accommodate new pupils which is not yet known. In addition, the Council has indicated that a primary school could be provided as part of the development of this large site, although there are no secondary schools or colleges within 800m and there is no indication that they would be provided in association with the development of this site.   |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | ++        | Although there are no identified employment areas within 800m of the site, the Council has indicated that employment development would be included within this site. In addition, there are seven bus stops within 400m to the north. This means that a significant positive effect is predicted regarding this SA objective.  |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | --        | This site option is very large (41.73ha) and is located on mainly greenfield land although the site has a small number of buildings scattered throughout. It is therefore likely that there will be a significant negative effect on this SA objective.  |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction  | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people,  | +         | The site is not located within 800m of any of the Borough's town, district and local centres. Oadby and Wigston Borough Council has however indicated that a local   |

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| elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. |           | centre would be developed as part of this site. There are seven bus stops within 400m to the north. A negligible positive effect on this SA objective is therefore predicted.  |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.                        | ++        | There are seven bus stops located within 400m north of the site, along with public footpaths adjoining directly to the site. These footpaths connect to a bridleway which runs through the centre of the site. Due to the range of transport options nearby, it is likely that there will be a significant positive effect on this SA objective. |

### OWBC18: Land opposite Highfield Farm, Newton Lane, east of Wigston (residential use)

| SA Objectives   | SA Scores | Justification  |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | ++        | All housing site options would have positive effects on this SA objective due to the nature of the development proposed. This site option is relatively large (9.19ha); meaning that a significant positive effect is likely.  |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | +/-       | The site is surrounded by areas of countryside which may be used by new residents to undertake outdoor activity. The site is not, however, within 800m of any health centres or GP surgeries, or any areas of open space, sport or recreation facilities. Additionally, the site is not located within 400m of any public rights of way. The site also takes in part of the area which has been identified as being countryside in the Borough and so the development of this area may result in a reduction in access to the countryside. Therefore, overall a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is likely in relation to this SA objective. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.   | -?        | The site is not located within 800m of any community or leisure facilities. A minor negative effect is therefore predicted on this SA objective, although this is uncertain and depends on whether any such facilities are to be provided as part of the new development at this site.   |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.  | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be  |

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|  |           | influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible.  |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | --?       | An Area of Archaeological Potential is located partially within the western part of the site and there is another Area of Archaeological Potential within 375m to the west of the site. Another Area of Archaeological Potential is located within 495m of the site to the north. Given that the development of the site for housing may have negative impacts on areas within the site which are likely to contain buried archaeology, a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that it may be possible to mitigate negative impacts on areas which are likely to contain buried archaeology.  |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | --?       | The site is located within close proximity of a number of areas which have been designated due to their importance in terms of biodiversity. Severn Oaks Farm great crested newt ponds candidate Local Wildlife Site is located to the north within 225m, Newton Lane Ash Trees candidate Local Wildlife Site is located to the west within 125m and Newton Lane Local Wildlife Site is also located to the west within 320m. The site is also located on an area of land which has been identified as part of the countryside meaning it may have some importance in terms of biodiversity. As such, development at this location may have detrimental impacts on local habitats and species and a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain, however, given that any residential proposal which comes forward for this site may allow for sympathetic design and |

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|  |           | mitigation measures to be incorporated.  |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | --?       | The site is located on land which falls within an area of the Borough which has been identified as countryside but is not within a designated green wedge. The development of the site would result in the loss of a sizeable area (9.19ha) of greenfield land, which could have detrimental impacts on the landscape and a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that it will be influenced by the specific design of development which is not yet known.  |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | -         | The site is located on greenfield land, outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, residential development at this location has some potential to increase the Boroughs' vulnerability to flooding given that it would increase the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough, although not in the areas of highest flood risk. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.                      |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.                                   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a |

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|  |           | negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.   | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | -?        | The site is not within 800m of any primary schools, secondary schools or colleges. Therefore, a minor negative effect is predicted on this SA objective although this is uncertain depending on whether new school places could be associated with the development of this site.  |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | -         | The site is not located within 400m of any public transport nodes, or within 800m of any identified employment areas. Therefore, a minor negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.  |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | --        | This site option is relatively large (9.19ha) and is located on greenfield land. Therefore, a significant negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.   |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction  | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |

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| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | --        | The site is not located within 800m of any town, district or local centres, or within 400m of any public transport nodes. A significant negative effect is therefore likely in relation to this SA objective.  |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | -         | The site is not located within 400m of any public transport nodes or a public right of way. A minor negative effect is therefore likely for this SA objective.   |

#### OWBC19: Land north of Newton Lane, east of Wigston (residential use) – Not allocated

| SA Objectives   | SA Scores | Justification  |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | ++        | All housing site options would have positive effects on this SA objective due to the nature of the development proposed. This site option is relatively large (2.19ha); meaning that a significant positive effect is likely.  |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | +/-       | While the site is not within 800m of a GP Surgery or health centre and is not within 400m of a public right of way, a park/recreational ground is located within 420m to the north west of the site. The site is also adjacent to areas of land which have been identified as being within the countryside to the south and east meaning local residents may be able to make use of these areas for outdoor activities. However, the site itself is also within the area of land which has identified as countryside and so development at this location may limit access to the countryside and therefore a |

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|  |           | mixed overall (minor positive/minor negative) effect is predicted on this SA objective.   |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.  | -?        | There are no community or leisure facilities within 800m of this site, with the closest being Horsewell Lane Pavilion and Recreation Ground approximately 1.1km to the west. Therefore, a minor negative effect on this SA objective is predicted, although this is uncertain and depends on whether such facilities are to be provided as part of the new development.   |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible.  |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | 0?        | The site is not located in close proximity of any heritage assets. There are a number of Areas of Archaeological Potential located in relatively close proximity of the site; however the closest of such areas is located within 110m to the south west of the site. Further Areas of Archaeological Potential are located within 270m of the site to the south east and within 380m to the north east of the site. None of these Areas of Archaeological Potential are located within very close proximity of the site and as such development at this location is unlikely to result in negative impacts in terms of |

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|  |           | disturbance to archaeological assets. A negligible effect is therefore recorded for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that effects on the historic environment will be dependent upon the specific design of any development at this location which is unknown at this stage.   |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | --?       | The site is located within Newton Lane Meadows Local Wildlife Site and is also located in close proximity to numerous other areas which have been designated due to their importance in terms of local biodiversity. Newton Lane Ash Trees candidate Local Wildlife Site is located partially within the site to the south and east, Great Crested Newt pond, off Newton Lane candidate Local Wildlife Site is located within 80m of the site to the east and The Meadows Balancing Reservoir candidate Local Wildlife Site is located within 215m of the site to the west. The site is also located on an area of land which has been identified as part of the countryside meaning it may have some further importance in terms of biodiversity. As such development at this location may have detrimental impacts on local habitats and species and a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that any residential proposal which comes forward for this site may allow for sympathetic design and mitigation measures to be incorporated. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | --?       | The site is located on land which falls within an area of the Borough which has been identified as countryside but is not located within a designated green wedge. The development of the site would result in the loss of a sizeable area (2.19ha) of greenfield land which may have detrimental impacts on the surrounding local landscape and a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that it will be influenced by the specific design of development which is not yet known.   |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | -         | The site is located on greenfield land, outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, residential development at this location has some potential to increase the Borough's vulnerability to flooding given that it would increase the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough, although not in the areas of highest flood risk. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a  |

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|  |           | result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                              | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                               | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts. | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.                  | -?        | The site is not within 800m of any primary schools, secondary schools or colleges. Therefore, a minor negative effect on this SA objective is predicted although this is uncertain depending on whether new school places could be associated with the  |

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|   |           | development of this site.  |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population.                                | +         | There are no identified employment areas within 800m of this site; however there are seven bus stops within 400m of the site to the west which could provide access to employment opportunities further afield. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.  | --        | This site option is relatively large (2.19ha) and is located on greenfield land. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction   | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | 0         | Kelmarsh Avenue (a local centre) is located within 800m north west of this site, and there are seven bus stops located within 400m to the west. This means that a negligible effect is predicted in relation to this SA objective overall.   |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | +         | There are no public rights of way within 400m of this site. However, seven bus stops are located within 400m to the west. Therefore, it is expected that there will be a minor positive effect on this SA objective.   |

### OWBC20: Former Oadby Swimming Pool site, Oadby (residential use) - Allocated

| SA Objectives  | SA Scores | Justification  |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.   | +         | All housing site options would have positive effects on this SA objective due to the nature of the development proposed. This site option is relatively small (0.26ha); meaning that a minor positive effect is predicted.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services.  | ++        | There are two GP surgeries and a health centre within 500m to the south east of this site. In addition, the site is located directly next to Brabazon Road Park which houses a bowling green and tennis court, as well as a children and young people's space. Further parks and young people's spaces also lie within 800m to the south and south west and there are allotments within 50m south of the site and natural green spaces within 200m to the north. Furthermore, the area is served by footpaths within 400m to the south. Overall a significant positive effect is therefore predicted on this SA objective. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.  | +         | Brabazon Road Park and Recreation Ground is located less than 50m west of this site. In addition to this, Walter Charles Day Centre lies 560m south east. A minor positive effect is therefore predicted in relation to this SA objective.   |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible.   |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another  |

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|  |           | etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.                | +?/--?    | Oadby Court Conservation Area is within approximately 85m of the site to the north west and London Road and St Peters Conservation Area is within 365m of the site to the south east. Oadby Hill Top Conservation Area is located within 310m of the site to the north west. In addition, a Grade II listed building (21 Church Street) is located within approximately 405m of the site to the south east. The former swimming pool is recognised in the Oadby Court Conservation Area Appraisal and Development Control Guidance (2007) as part of the setting of this heritage asset. As such, development at this location could impact upon the Conservation Area's setting either positively or negatively, depending on design. |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | -?        | The site is located within 530m of Blackthorn Manor Pond Local Wildlife Site to the north east. The site is also located within 685m of Race Course Meadow Local Wildlife Site which is to the north west. As such the fairly close proximity of the development site to these areas has the potential to adversely impact upon local habitats and species and a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The potential negative effect is uncertain given that any residential proposal which comes forward for this site may allow for sympathetic design and mitigation measures to be incorporated.   |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | 0?        | The site is located on brownfield land which is not within the countryside or a green wedge. As such development at this location is unlikely to adversely impact on the local landscape and a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that it will be influenced by the specific design of development which is not yet known.  |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | 0         | The site is on brownfield land outside of flood zones 2 and 3. A negligible effect is therefore predicted in relation to this SA objective.  |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of  |

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|  |           | assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                              | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                               | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts. | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.                  | +?        | Two primary schools are located within 700m of this site: Launde Primary School to the south east and Langmoor Primary School to the south. A minor positive effect is therefore predicted for this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, given that effects will depend on there being capacity at these schools to accommodate new  |

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|   |           | pupils which is not yet known.   |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population.                                | ++        | There are nine bus stops within a 400m walking distance of this site. In addition, there are two identified employment areas within 500m: one to the north east, and a second to the south west. A significant positive effect is therefore predicted for this SA objective.   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.  | +         | This is a relatively small site option (0.26ha) and is located on brownfield land. Therefore, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction   | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | +         | The site is located directly next to Oadby Town Centre and is within 800m of Brabazon Road (a local centre). In addition to this, there are nine bus stops within 800m of the site. A minor positive effect is therefore predicted for this SA objective.  |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | ++        | The site is located within 400m of nine bus stops, and there is a public right of way 400m to the south. A significant positive effect is therefore predicted for this SA objective.   |

**OWBC21B: Land at Cottage Farm, south of the A6, Oadby (residential and associated uses)**

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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | ++        | All housing site options would have positive effects on this SA objective due to the nature of the development proposed. This site option is relatively large (12.68ha); meaning that a significant positive effect is predicted.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | ++?/-     | There are no GP surgeries or health centres within 800m of this site. However, the site is located directly next to Coombe Park, which contains a children’s and young people’s space and four outdoor sport pitches. Informal and natural green space is also located within 500m to the north of the site. In addition, OWBC has indicated that the development of the site for residential use may deliver associated uses which could include onsite open space or a children’s play area. One footpath runs along the southern edge of the site, allowing access to Coombe Park, while another footpath is located 400m further south. A bridleway also runs 100m away, parallel to the eastern edge of the site. As such a positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The positive effect is likely to be significant dependent upon the completion of the potential onsite open space or play area. However, the site is located on land which has been identified as countryside and development at this location is therefore likely to reduce access to the countryside meaning the uncertain significant positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is expected to be combined with a minor negative effect. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.   | ++?       | Coombe Park Pavilion is located within 50m of the site, and OWBC has indicated that community facilities could be provided as part of the development of this site – if this were to include open space this would provide residents with further opportunities for leisure and recreation. A potential significant positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain until specific proposals for the site come forward.   |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.  | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site   |

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|  |           | options on this SA objective will be negligible.  |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | 0?        | Two Areas of Archaeological Potential are located to the west of the site 380m and 450m respectively. None of these Areas of Archaeological Potential are located within very close proximity of the site and as such development at this location is unlikely to result in negative impacts in terms of disturbance to archaeological assets. A negligible effect is therefore recorded for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that effects on the historic environment will be dependent upon the specific design of any development at this location which is unknown at this stage. |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | --?       | The site is adjacent to Glen Gorse Golf Course Local Wildlife Site to the south and is also located on land which has been identified as countryside within the Borough and which may have biodiversity value. A potential significant negative effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective. As the design of development proposals may allow for appropriate mitigation measures to be incorporated or potentially increase local habitation connectivity the negative effect identified is uncertain.   |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.   | +?/--?    | The site is located within the countryside but is not within a designated green wedge. The development of the site would result in the loss of a sizeable area (12.68ha) of greenfield land which may have detrimental impacts on the surrounding local landscape and a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that it will be influenced by the specific design of development which is not yet known. This significant negative   |

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|  |           | effect is combined with a minor positive effect given that OWBC has indicated that the development of this site could include the provision of an area of open space alongside the residential use onsite. The positive effect is uncertain, however, depending on whether that is eventually included in development proposals for the site. Overall a mixed effect (uncertain minor positive/uncertain significant negative) is likely on this SA objective.  |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | -?        | This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, residential development at this location has some potential to increase the Boroughs' vulnerability to flooding given that it would increase the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough, although not in the areas of highest flood risk. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that OWBC has indicated that an area of open space, which should assist the infiltration of surface water in the area, could be provided as part of this residential development. |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.                                   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a                        |

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|  |           | negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.   | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | ++?       | Brocks Hill and Woodland Grange Primary Schools are located within 800m to the north and west of this site, while Beauchamp and Gartree High Schools are located within 800m to the west. A significant positive effect is therefore predicted in relation to this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, given that effects will depend on there being capacity at these schools to accommodate new pupils which is not yet known.  |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | +         | There are nine bus stops within 400m of the site, although there are no identified employment areas within 800m walking distance. A minor positive effect is therefore predicted for this SA objective overall.   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | --        | This site option is relatively large (12.68ha) and is on greenfield land; therefore a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction  | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local  |

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|   |           | Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | 0         | The site is within 800m of Glen Road (a local centre) and there are nine bus stops within 400m. A negligible effect is therefore predicted for this SA objective overall.  |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | ++        | There are nine bus stops within 400m of the site, and there is a footpath running along the southern edge. Another footpath can be found 400m from the southern edge of the site, along with a bridleway located 400m to the east, running parallel to the eastern edge of the site. A significant positive effect is therefore predicted in relation to this SA objective.  |

#### OWBC22: Land at Stretton Hall, north of the A6, Oadby (residential use)

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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services. | ++        | All housing site options would have positive effects on this SA objective due to the nature of the development proposed. This site option is relatively large (4.86ha); meaning that a significant positive effect is predicted.                        |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and                     | +/-?      | There are no GP surgeries or health centres within walking distance of this site. However, a number of bridleways and footpaths run within 400m of the site in all directions, and there are natural green spaces located both within 800m to the west. |

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| providing access to health services.   |           | However, the site also contains part of the natural green space on Gorse Lane as well as areas of countryside. As such development at this location may limit access to these assets. The minor positive effect expected on this SA objective is likely to therefore be combined with an uncertain minor negative effect.  |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.  | -?        | There are no community or leisure facilities located within 800m walking distance of this site. A minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore likely, although this is uncertain and depends on whether such facilities are to be provided as part of the new development.   |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible. |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | ?         | The site is not located within 500m of any designated heritage assets within the Borough of Oadby and Wigston. The site is, however, located within the adjacent Borough of Harborough for which data relating to local heritage assets is not available. The site may therefore be located in close proximity to unknown heritage assets in this Borough but this cannot be assessed and effects on this SA objective are currently uncertain.  |

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| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | --?       | The site is located adjacent to Gorse Pasture Oadby candidate Local Wildlife Site to the west. Washbrook Stream Local Wildlife Site is located within 125m to the west, Oadby Grange Country Park candidate Local Wildlife Site is located within 370m to the west and Fludes Lane & Spinney Local Wildlife Site is located within 500m also to the west of the site. The site is also located on land which has been identified as countryside in the Borough and as such may have further value in terms of biodiversity. The close proximity of these areas which have been designated due to their importance in terms of biodiversity means development at this location may result in detrimental impacts on local habitats. A potential significant negative effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective. As the design of development proposals may allow for appropriate mitigation measures to be incorporated or potentially increase local habitation connectivity, the negative effect identified is uncertain. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | --?       | The site is located within the countryside but is not within a designated green wedge. The development of the site would result in the loss of a sizeable area (4.86ha) of greenfield land which may have detrimental impacts on the surrounding local landscape and a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that it will be influenced by the specific design of development.  |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | -         | This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, residential development at this location has some potential to increase the Boroughs' vulnerability to flooding given that it would increase the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough, although not in the areas of highest flood risk. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |

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| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                              | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                               | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts. | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.                  | +?        | The site is located within 370m of Woodland Grange Primary School to the west but there are no secondary schools or colleges within 800m. A minor positive effect is therefore predicted in relation to this SA objective overall. This is uncertain, however, given that effects will depend on there being capacity at that school to accommodate new pupils which is not yet known.  |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst  | +         | Although there are no identified employment areas within 800m walking distance, there are three bus stops within 400m of the site which could provide access to   |

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| providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population.  |           | employment opportunities elsewhere. Therefore, a minor positive effect is predicted for this SA objective overall.   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.  | --        | This site option is relatively large (4.86ha) and is located on greenfield land. As such, residential development at this location would not involve the use of previously developed land and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction   | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | -         | The site is not located within 800m of any district, town or local centres (the closest centre is provided at Glen Road and Highcroft Avenue which is located within 915m to the north west of the site), although there are three bus stops within 400m of the site. Therefore, a minor negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective overall.   |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | ++        | There are three bus stops within 400m of the site, and there are a number of footpaths and bridleways within 400m in all directions. A significant positive effect is therefore predicted in relation to this SA objective.  |

### OWBC23: Land to the north-east of Oadby (residential and associated uses)

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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | ++        | All housing site options would have positive effects on this SA objective due to the nature of the development proposed. This site option is very large (31.69ha); meaning that a significant positive effect is predicted.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | ++/-      | A health centre (Dr M P Shanks & Partners Surgery) is located within 800m to the south west of this site. In addition, a large band of natural green space is located along the southern edge of the site, with more areas of natural green space located 500m to the south. The site is also surrounded by footpaths and bridleways within 400m, three of which run through the site. In addition, OWBC has indicated that the development of the site for residential use could deliver a number of associated uses which could include onsite open space. This provision would enhance any positive effect likely on this SA objective. However, the development of the site would result in the loss of access to an area of countryside (as well as potentially the bridleway and footpath which runs through the site) which is within its boundaries. The significant positive effect expected on this SA objective is therefore likely to be combined with a minor negative effect. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.   | +/-?      | The nearest community or leisure facility, Uplands Road Park Pavilion, is located over 1km away. As such given that the site is not in close proximity of any existing community or leisure facilities a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain dependent upon the provision of new facilities as part of the residential development. A potential minor positive effect is also identified given that the development of the site for residential use could deliver a number of associated uses including onsite open space, providing opportunities for leisure and recreation.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.  | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible.  |

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| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | ?         | There are no designated heritage assets within 500m of this site within the Borough of Oadby and Wigston. The site is, however, located adjacent to the Borough of Harborough for which data relating to local heritage assets is not available. The site may therefore be located in close proximity to unknown heritage assets in that district and effects on this SA objective are currently uncertain.  |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | --?       | Part of the Washbrook Stream Local Wildlife Site passes into the boundaries of the site from the west. The site is also located adjacent to Oadby Grange Country Park candidate Local Wildlife Site to the west. Gorse Pasture Oadby candidate Local Wildlife Site is located within 180m to the south west of the site and Fludes Lane & Spinney Local Wildlife Site is located within 185m to the west of the site. The parcel is also located within the countryside and as such may have further biodiversity value. The close proximity of these areas means development at this location may result in detrimental impacts on local habitats. A potential significant negative effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective. As the design of development proposals may allow for appropriate mitigation measures to be incorporated or potentially increase local habitation connectivity the negative effect identified is uncertain. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.   | +?/--?    | The site is located within the countryside but is not located within a designated green wedge. The development of the site would result in the loss of a sizeable area (31.69ha) of greenfield land which may have detrimental impacts on the surrounding local landscape and a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to   |

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|   |           | <p>this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that it will be influenced by the specific design of development which is not yet known. This significant negative effect is combined with a minor positive effect given that OWBC has indicated that the development of this site could include an area of open space as part of the development associated with the residential use onsite. The positive effect is uncertain, however, depending on the eventual delivery of this associated use. Overall a mixed effect (uncertain minor positive/uncertain significant negative) is likely on this SA objective.</p> |
| <p>10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding.</p> | <p>-?</p> | <p>This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, residential development at this location has some potential to increase the Borough's vulnerability to flooding given that it would increase the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough, although not in the areas of highest flood risk. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that OWBC has indicated that an area of open space, which may assist the infiltration of surface water in the area, could be provided as part of this residential development.</p>         |
| <p>11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.</p>               | <p>0</p>  | <p>There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.</p>  |
| <p>12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.</p>                      | <p>0</p>  | <p>All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.</p>   |
| <p>13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.</p>                                   | <p>0</p>  | <p>While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of</p>  |

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|  |           | development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.   | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | ++?       | The site is located with 800m of Woodland Grange and Brookside Country Primary Schools, as well as Manor High School. A significant positive effect is therefore predicted in relation to this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, given that effects will depend on there being capacity at those existing schools to accommodate new pupils which is not yet known.   |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | +         | The site is not located within 800m walking distance of an identified employment area. However, a bus stop is situated less than 400m from the site which may provide access to employment opportunities elsewhere. A minor positive effect is therefore predicted in relation to this SA objective.  |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | --        | This site option is very large (31.69ha) and is located on greenfield land. A significant negative effect is therefore predicted in relation to this SA objective.  |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and   | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until  |

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| construction  |           | planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | 0         | Severn Road (a local centre) is located within 400m of the site. Additionally, a bus stop is located within a 400m walking distance, to the south. Development on this site is therefore likely to have a negligible effect on this SA objective overall.  |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | ++        | A bus stop is located 400m south of the site, along with a number of public rights of way within 400m. These include footpaths and bridleways, three of which run directly through the site. A significant positive effect is therefore predicted for this SA objective.   |

#### OWBC24: Land south of Gartree Road, Oadby (residential and associated uses) - Allocated

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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services. | ++        | All housing site options would have positive effects on this SA objective due to the nature of the development proposed. This site option is relatively large (15.2ha); meaning that a significant positive effect is predicted.                                  |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and                     | ++?/-?    | While the site is not within walking distance of any GP surgeries or health centres, the southern edge of the site is connected directly to an area of open green space, with a footpath running along the western edge. Another footpath can be found 350m south |

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| providing access to health services.   |           | east of the site. Located less than 800m to the south west of the site are informal and open green spaces. To the south of the site, within 800m, lies an outdoor sport pitch. In addition, OWBC has indicated that the development of the site for residential use could deliver a number of associated uses which could include onsite open space or a children's play area. This provision would mean the positive effect on this SA objective is likely to be significant. This significant positive effect is uncertain dependent on the eventual provision of this type of facility. However, as the footpath at the western edge of the site passes within its boundaries, development at this location may result in the loss of this public right of way depending on the specific design of the scheme. As such a mixed effect (uncertain significant positive/uncertain minor negative) on this SA objective is expected overall. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.  | +/-?      | There are no existing community or leisure facilities within 800m of this site. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. A potential minor positive effect is also identified given that the development of the site for residential use could deliver a number of associated uses including onsite open space, providing opportunities for leisure and recreation. The mixed effect is uncertain depending on the detail of proposals that eventually come forward for this site.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible.   |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction   |

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|   |           | opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings. | --?       | Areas of Archaeological Potential lie immediately to the north east and within 50m to the west of this site, and there is one directly within the site. The site is also located within close proximity of three Grade II listed buildings to the north: Lodge Cottage, Grange Cottage and South Lodge which are within approximately 20m, 25m and 30m of the site respectively. Oadby Hill Top Conservation Area is also located within 210m to the south west. Although the site is screened from the Oadby Hill Top Conservation Area to the south west by residential development on Cranbourne Gardens and Ringer's Spinney, because development at this location may result in negative impacts on areas within the site which are likely to contain buried archaeology as well as impacts on the nearby listed buildings, a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that it may be possible to mitigate negative impacts on areas which are likely to contain buried archaeology. |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.                                 | --?       | Stackyard Spinney Local Wildlife Site falls within the boundaries of the site and the site is also located within close proximity of a number of other biodiversity features. The site is located adjacent to Leicestershire Golf Course and adjacent sites Local Wildlife Site to the north. Roadside near Stoughton Farm Park Local Wildlife Site is located within 35m to the east of the site and Blackthorn Manor Pond Local Wildlife Site is located within 490m to the south west of the site. The close proximity of these areas which have been designated due to their importance in terms of biodiversity means development at this location may result in detrimental impacts on local habitats. A potential significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. As the design of development proposals may allow for appropriate mitigation measures to be incorporated or potentially increase local habitation connectivity the negative effect identified is uncertain.   |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                    | +?/--?    | The site is relatively large (15.2ha) and located on greenfield land and as such its development for residential use is likely to impact on the landscape. The site also lies partly within the Oadby, Thurnby and Stoughton Green Wedge and as such the development of this area could potentially contribute to the coalescence of settlements. A potential significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA  |

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|  |           | objective although this is uncertain until the specific design of development is known. This significant negative effect is combined with a minor positive effect given that OWBC has indicated that the development of this site could include an area of open space as part of the development associated with the residential use onsite. The positive effect is uncertain, however, depending on the eventual delivery of that open space. Overall a mixed effect (uncertain minor positive/uncertain significant negative) is likely on this SA objective.   |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | -?        | This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, residential development at this location has some potential to increase the Boroughs' vulnerability to flooding given that it would increase the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough, although not in the areas of highest flood risk. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that OWBC has indicated that an area of open space, which may assist with the infiltration of surface water in the area, could be provided as part of this residential development. |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.                                   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis   |

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|  |           | of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.   | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | -?        | The site is not within walking distance of any primary schools, secondary schools or colleges. A minor negative effect is therefore predicted in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain depending on whether new school places would be associated with the development of this site.   |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | ++        | The site is within 800m walking distance of an identified employment area, and has five bus stops within 400m of the southern boundary which could provide access to employment opportunities further afield. A significant positive effect is therefore predicted regarding this SA objective.   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | --        | This site option is relatively large (15.2ha) and is located on greenfield land. A significant negative effect is therefore predicted in relation to this SA objective.   |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction  | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage   |

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|   |           | and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | -         | There are no District, Town or Local Centres within 800m of this site. However, there are five bus stops within 400m of the southern boundary of the site, meaning that a minor negative effect is predicted in relation to this SA objective overall.   |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | ++        | The site is served by five bus stops within 400m to the south, as well as a number of footpaths within a 400m radius. A significant positive effect is therefore predicted for this SA objective.  |

### OWBC25: Land to the rear of Spire Hospital, Gartree Road, Oadby (residential use)

| SA Objectives   | SA Scores | Justification  |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | ++        | All housing site options would have positive effects on this SA objective due to the nature of the development proposed. This site option is relatively large (2.36ha); meaning that a significant positive effect is predicted.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | +         | While there are no GP surgeries or health centres within 800m, open and informal green spaces exist within 800m to the south of the site, and a footpath runs parallel to the east boundary. It is therefore predicted that a minor positive effect will occur overall regarding this objective. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for  | -?        | There are no community or leisure facilities within 800m walking distance of this site.  |

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| people to access community and leisure facilities.   |           | A minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore predicted, although this is uncertain and depends on whether such facilities are to be provided as part of the new development.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible.   |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | 0?        | An Area of Archaeological Potential exists within 240m to the east of the site and another Area of Archaeological Potential is located within 115m of the site to the south. Additionally, three listed buildings are located within 490m to the north east: Lodge Cottage, Grange Cottage and South Lodge. Oadby Hill Top Conservation Area is also located within 235m to the south west. All of the identified areas of historic importance which are located in relatively close proximity of the site are screened from it by existing features. Oadby Hill Top Conservation Area is screened by residential properties at The Fairway while a significant number of mature trees screen the Listed Buildings which are to the east of the site. It is also expected that the nearby Area of Archaeological Potential is located at such a distance from the site to limit the potential for negative effects on archaeological assets which might be |

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|  |           | buried at this location. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. This negligible effect is uncertain given that the design of residential development proposed for the site may influence any potential impact on the historic environment.  |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | --?       | The site is located in close proximity to a number of biodiversity sites. Leicestershire Golf Course and adjacent sites Local Wildlife Site is located within 30m of the site to the north. Stackyard Spinney Local Wildlife Site is located within 100m of the site to the east, and Roadside near Stoughton Farm Park Local Wildlife Site is located within 455m of the site also to the east. As such development at this location has the potential to detrimentally impact upon locally important habitats and their connectivity. A potential significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that it may be possible through the sympathetic design of any new development to incorporate appropriate mitigation or even to promote local habitat connectivity. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | --?       | The site is relatively large (2.36ha) and located on greenfield land and as such its development for new dwellings is likely to impact on the landscape. The site also lies partly within the Oadby, Thurnby and Stoughton Green Wedge and therefore the development of this site could potentially contribute to the coalescence of settlements. A potential significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain until the specific design of development is known.   |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | -         | This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, residential development at this location has some potential to increase the Boroughs' vulnerability to flooding given that it would increase the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough, although not in the areas of highest flood risk. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |

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| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                              | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                               | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts. | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.                  | -?        | The site is not within walking distance of any primary schools, secondary schools or colleges. A minor negative effect is therefore predicted for this SA objective although this is uncertain depending on whether new school places are provided as part of the development of this site.   |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate          | +         | There are two bus stops within 400m south of the site which could provide access to employment sites. However, the closest identified employment area is over 900m to the south, which is outside of walking distance, meaning that a minor positive effect   |

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| employment opportunities for the local population.  |           | on this SA objective is likely overall.  |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.  | --        | This site option is relatively large (2.36ha) and is located on greenfield land. A significant negative effect is therefore predicted in relation to this SA objective.  |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction   | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | +         | There are no District, Town or Local Centres within 800m of this site. However, there are two bus stops within 400m of the southern boundary of the site. A minor positive effect is therefore predicted for this SA objective overall.  |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | ++        | There are two bus stops within 400m walking distance of the site, along with a footpath to the east. A significant positive effect is therefore predicted for this SA objective.   |

#### OWBC26: Land south of Sutton Close and Tilton Drive, Oadby (residential use)

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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.   | ++        | All housing site options would have positive effects on this SA objective due to the nature of the development proposed. This site option is relatively large (9.16ha); meaning that a significant positive effect is predicted.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services.  | ++        | A GP practice (Dr S Z Husain & Partners) is located within 800m to the north of the site. Directly to the north west of the site lies Brockshill Country Park, an area of natural green space which incorporates children and young people's space. Located to the west of the site is Coombe Park, which contains four sport pitches and a children and young people's space. Informal green space, outdoor sport pitches and parks and recreation grounds also lie within 800m to the north of the site. Additionally, public footpaths are located to the east and south of the site within 400m. A significant positive effect is therefore predicted in regards to this SA objective. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.  | +         | Coombe Park Pavilion is located 800m to the south east of this site, and Brocks Hill Environment Centre and Country Park is located 800m north west. A minor positive effect is therefore predicted for this SA objective.   |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible.   |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another  |

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|  |           | etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.                | 0?        | Four Areas of Archaeological Potential are located within close proximity of the site. These areas are to the south and south west of the site within 125m, 150m, 160m and 360m respectively. The distance of the site from these areas means that development at this location is considered unlikely to have negative impacts and a negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negligible effect is uncertain given that any effect of this development on the historic environment will be dependent upon the specific design of development onsite which at this stage is unknown..   |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | -?        | The site is located in relatively close proximity to a number of biodiversity sites. Glen Gorse Golf Course Local Wildlife Site is located within 435m of the site to the south east and Severn Oaks Farm great crested newt ponds candidate Local Wildlife Site is located within 450m of the site to the south east. As such development at this location has the potential to detrimentally impact upon locally important habitats and their connectivity in particular. A potential minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that it may be possible through the sympathetic design of any new development to incorporate appropriate mitigation or even to promote local habitat connectivity. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | --?       | The site is relatively large (9.16ha) and located on greenfield land and as such its development for new dwellings is likely to impact on the landscape. The site also lies partly within the Oadby, and Wigston Green Wedge and therefore the development of this area could potentially contribute to the coalescence of settlements. A potential significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This expected negative effect on the landscape is uncertain until the specific design of development is known.   |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | -         | This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, residential development at this location has some potential to increase the Boroughs' vulnerability to flooding given that it would increase the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough, although not in the areas of highest flood risk. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |

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| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.                       | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                              | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                               | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts. | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |

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| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | ++?       | Brocks Hill and Glenmere County Primary Schools are located within 800m of the site, along with Gartree and Beauchamp High Schools. The range of educational facilities located within close proximity means that a significant positive effect is predicted in relation to this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, given that effects will depend on there being capacity at these schools to accommodate new pupils which is not yet known.   |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | +         | While the closest identified employment area is over 1km away, four bus stops are located less than 400m from the site and these may provide access to employment opportunities further afield. Therefore, a minor positive effect on this SA objective is likely overall.   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | --        | This site option is relatively large (9.16ha) and is located on greenfield land. A significant negative effect is therefore predicted in relation to this SA objective.  |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction  | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and                                      | +         | The site is located within 800m of two local centres, Rosemead Drive to the north and Glen Road to the north east. The site is also located in close proximity to a number of public transport nodes. Bus stops are located at Coombe Rise by St James Close to  |

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| deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement.                |           | the east, at Coombe Rise by Beauchamp College to the north east and at Howdon Road to the north within 290m, 260m and 255m respectively. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.     |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way. | ++        | There are four bus stops within 400m of this site, and there are public footpaths located within walking distance to the south and east. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

### OWBC28 Stoughton Grange Farm Park, north of Gartree Road, Oadby (residential and associated uses) - Allocated

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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | ++        | All housing site options would have positive effects on this SA objective due to the nature of the development proposed. This site option is relatively large (1.55ha); meaning that a significant positive effect may occur.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | ++?       | The closest area of natural greenspace to the site is located within 455m to the south west at Manor Close. The site also provides access to a public right of way within 255m to the west by Gartree Road. Information from the Council suggests that associated uses which will be provided alongside the residential development at this location may include open space and therefore any positive effect in relation to health and well-being is likely to be enhanced. The site is not, however, located in close proximity of a health centre (although there is a hospital approximately 500m to the west, this is a private facility so is not accessible to all). Overall a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This positive effect is uncertain given that it may be further enhanced if open space is provided onsite. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.   | +?/--?    | The site is not located in close proximity of any existing community or leisure facilities (the closest is located within 1.40km to the south east at Uplands Road Park Pavilion). The development of this site could also involve the potential loss of leisure facilities (including a public house) currently on site, although the developer may opt to retain the public house within a new residential development. A potential significant negative effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective. This significant negative effect is uncertain, however, until detailed proposals for the site are known. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is also identified if the development of   |

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|  |           | the site were to include open space provision which can be used for leisure and recreation.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible.   |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | --?       | The Grade II listed Buildings of Lodge Cottage and Grange Cottage are located to the south of the site within 15m. South Lodge Grade II Listed Building is located within 130m of the site to the south east. The closest Area of Archaeological Potential to the site is located to the south within 15m. Given the close proximity of the site to the Listed Buildings on Gartree Road this location acts as an important part of these heritage assets' setting. Development at this location has the potential to have detrimental impacts upon the significance of this part of the local historic environment. A potential significant negative effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective. This effect is uncertain given that sympathetically designed development may help to mitigate these negative effects. |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | --?       | The site is located in close proximity to a number of biodiversity sites. Roadside near Stoughton Farm Park Local Wildlife Site is located within 145m of the site to the east,  |

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|  |           | Leicestershire Golf Course and adjacent sites Local Wildlife Site is located within 160m of the site to the west and Stackyard Spinney Local Wildlife Site is located within 40m of the site to the south west. As such, development at this location has the potential to detrimentally affect these features. A potential significant negative effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that it may be possible through the sympathetic design of any new development to incorporate appropriate mitigation or even to promote habitat connectivity.   |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | +?/--?    | The site is relatively large (1.55ha) and located on mostly brownfield land. The redevelopment of the site is therefore less likely to impact on the surrounding landscape compared to development on a greenfield site. As the development of this site for residential use is expected to provide for an area of open space as an associated use, a potential minor positive effect is also identified for this objective. The site, however, contains some of the land within the Oadby, Thurnby and Stoughton Green Wedge and therefore the development of this area could potentially contribute to the coalescence of local settlements. As such the uncertain minor positive effect likely on this SA objective is expected to be combined with a significant negative effect. Expected effects on the landscape are uncertain until the specific design of development is known. |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | +?        | This site is on mostly brownfield land outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, residential development at this location is not expected to have a negative impact upon flood risk within the Borough. Given that OWBC has indicated that the development of this site for residential use could incorporate area of open space, which may assist with the infiltration of surface water, an overall minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The minor positive effect is uncertain depending on the eventual delivery of open space within the site.   |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |

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| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                              | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                               | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts. | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.                  | -?        | The site is not located in close proximity to any existing education facilities. The closest school is located within 1.18km of the site to the south east. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain, given that school places may be provided at other locations to accommodate new residents.   |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst  | --        | The site is not located in close proximity to any identified areas of employment land. Cross Street Industrial Units are located within 1.17km of the site but these are not  |

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| providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population.  |           | considered to be within walking distance of the site. The site is not located within 400m of any public transport nodes either, the closest being within 605m of the site to the north west at Church Road. As such residents at this location would not be provided with a good level of access to employment opportunities in the surrounding area or those further afield by sustainable transport links. In addition the site is currently used by a number of small businesses and as such its redevelopment is likely to result in the loss of local employment opportunities provided on site.   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.  | ++        | This site option is relatively large (1.55ha) and is located on mostly brownfield land. A significant positive effect is therefore likely in relation to this SA objective.   |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction   | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.                    |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | --        | The site is not located within close proximity of any town, district or local centres. The closest of such is Severn Road Local Centre which is located within 1.56km of the site to the south east. The closest public transport node is the bus stop located at Church Road which is within 605m of the site to the north west. As such the site would not provide residents with a good level of access to services and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. Given that the current commercial use (which may include convenience shopping services) at this site would be lost as a result of this development this negative effect is expected to be further amplified. |

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| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way. | +         | The site is located within reasonable walking distance of a public right of way which is within 255m to the west by Gartree Road. As such a minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

#### OWBC29: Station Close LDO, Station Street, South Wigston (residential use) - Allocated

| SA Objectives   | SA Scores | Justification   |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | +?        | All housing site options would have positive effects on this SA objective due to the nature of the development proposed. This site option is small (0.82ha); meaning that a minor positive effect is predicted.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | ++        | The site is located within close proximity of number of open spaces. The public park to the south of Blaby Road contains a number of areas of outdoor sports provision and children's and young people's spaces all of which are located within 475m of the site to the south. The site is located within 565m of the locally identified countryside to the south east by Harrison Close. The site also provides access to a public right of way within 115m of the site to the south also by Blaby Road. The nearest existing health centre to the site is Dr P. Platts & Partners which is also located on Blaby Road to the south of the site within 85m. As the site would provide access to a number of open space provisions which might help encourage the uptake of healthier lifestyle choices amongst local residents as well as a healthcare facility which might help to reduce occurrences of illnesses locally a significant posit effect is expected on this SA objective. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.   | +         | The site is located within close proximity of two community facilities. The public park buildings in Blaby Road Park including bowls green is located within 315m of the site to the south. Wigston Swimming Pool on Station Road is located within 535m of the site to the east. Given that the site would provide a reasonable level of access to existing nearby community and leisure facilities a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on   |

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| the fear of crime.   |           | perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible.  |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | +?/--?    | The site is located within South Wigston Conservation Area. Midland Cottages Conservation Area is located to the east of the site within 365m. The closest Listed Buildings to the site are the Church of St Thomas (Grade II*) which is located to the south west within 400m and St Thomas' Vicarage (Grade II) which is located within 420m also to the south west. The site has been highlighted as part of a potential development site in the South Wigston Conservation Area Appraisal (2006). It is identified as an underused or vacant site which currently does not make a positive contribution to the character of the Conservation Area and therefore its development for residential use may help to strengthen the character of the area. A potential minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective. This effect is uncertain dependent upon the specific design of the scheme. The positive effect is likely to be combined with a significant negative effect given that it would result in new development within the Conservation Area and given this area's sensitivity to unsympathetic development. The effect is also uncertain dependent upon the specific design of the scheme which is not known at this stage. |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | --?       | The site is located in close proximity to Wigston Triangle Local Wildlife Site which is located within 80m to the north. In addition to this Rough Grassland, Landsdowne  |

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|  |           | Grove, South Wigston Local Wildlife Site is located within 610m of this site to the south east, Grand Union Canal Local Wildlife Site is located within 675m of the site to the south and Horse Paddock, Crow Mills, South Wigston Local Wildlife Site is located within 795m of the to the south west. As such development at this location has the potential to detrimentally impact upon locally important habitats and their connectivity. A potential significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that it may be possible through the sympathetic design of any new development to incorporate appropriate mitigation or even to promote local habitat connectivity. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | 0?        | The site is relatively small (0.82ha) and located on mostly brownfield land. The redevelopment of the site is therefore unlikely to impact on the surrounding landscape and a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain until the specific design of development is known.  |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | 0         | This site is on mostly brownfield land outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, residential development at this location is not expected to impact upon flood risk within the Borough. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.                                   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development  |

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|  |           | on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.   | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | ++?       | The site is located in close proximity to a number of education facilities. Wigston College and Wigston Academy are located to the south east of the site within 690m and 650m respectively. Parkland County Primary School is located to the south west of the site within 470m and South Leicestershire College is located within 170m of the site to the south. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The positive effect is uncertain given that impacts will depend on there being capacity at these schools to accommodate new pupils.  |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | + +/ -?   | The site is located in close proximity of a number of identified employment areas. Railway Triangle employment area is located within 80m of the site to the north. Also to the north within 145m of the site is Gloucester Crescent/Cornwall Road Industrial Estate while to the east within 200m is the identified employment area Magna Road and Blaby Road. The closest public transport node to the site is the bus stop located within 110m to the south by Blaby Road. As such residents at this location would be provided with a good level of access to employment opportunities in the surrounding area as well as those further afield by sustainable transport links. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. However, the site also |

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|   |           | contains land which is part of the Station Road identified employment area and as such this employment land may be lost as a result of redevelopment to provide housing at this location meaning the significant positive effect is likely to be combined with a minor negative effect overall.  |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.  | +         | This site option is relatively small (0.82ha) and is located on mostly brownfield land. A minor positive effect is therefore predicted in relation to this SA objective.   |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction   | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | +         | The site is located in close proximity of two town, district or local centres. South Wigston Town Centre is located adjacent to the site to the south and Gloucester Crescent Local Centre is located within 600m of the site to the north west. The closest public transport node to the site is the bus stop located within 110m to the south by Blaby Road. As such the site would provide residents with a relatively good level of access to services; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | ++        | The site is currently occupied by the Arriva bus depot and the Council has acknowledged that there is not capacity on the site to retain a bus depot and to redevelop it for other uses. The bus depot is, however, only to be vacated by Arriva if a more suitable location is found in South Wigston close to the routes in which the  |

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|               |           | company operates. It is therefore not expected that the redevelopment of the site would adversely impact upon public transport services in the Borough. The site provides access to a public right of way within 115m of the site to the south by Blaby Road. The closest public transport node to the site is the bus stop located within 110m to the south which is also by Blaby Road. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

### OWBC29: Station Close LDO, Station Street, South Wigston (residential use and health centre)

| SA Objectives   | SA Scores | Justification   |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | +?        | All housing site options would have positive effects on this SA objective due to the nature of the development proposed. This site option is small (0.82ha); meaning that a minor positive effect is predicted. The positive effect recorded is uncertain given that a health centre is also to be provided at this location which would reduce the potential area that housing could occupy onsite.  |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | ++        | The site is located within close proximity of number of open spaces. The public park to the south of Blaby Road contains a number of areas of outdoor sports provision and children's and young people's spaces all of which are located within 475m of the site to the south. The site is located within 565m of the locally identified countryside to the south east by Harrison Close. The site also provides access to a public right of way within 115m of the site to the south also by Blaby Road. The nearest existing health centre to the site is Dr P. Platts & Partners which is also located on Blaby Road to the south of the site within 85m. As the site would provide access to a number of open space provisions which might help encourage the uptake of healthier lifestyle choices amongst local residents as well as a healthcare facility which might help to reduce occurrences of illnesses locally a significant posit effect is expected on this SA objective. This is reinforced further by the fact that the site would also provide for a new health centre which could be used by other local residents. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.   | +         | The site is located within close proximity of two community facilities. The public park buildings in Blaby Road Park including bowls green is located within 315m of the site to the south. Wigston Swimming Pool on Station Road is located within 535m of the site to the east. Given that the site would provide a reasonable level of access to existing nearby community and leisure facilities a minor positive effect is expected on   |

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|  |           | this SA objective.   |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible.   |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | +?/--?    | The site is located within South Wigston Conservation Area. Midland Cottages Conservation Area is located to the east of the site within 365m. The closest Listed Buildings to the site are the Church of St Thomas (Grade II*) which is located to the south west within 400m and St Thomas' Vicarage (Grade II) which is located within 420m also to the south west. The site has been highlighted as part of a potential development site in the South Wigston Conservation Area Appraisal (2006). It is identified as an underused or vacant site which currently does not make a positive contribution to the character of the Conservation Area and therefore its development for residential use (to include healthcare provision) may help to strengthen the character of the area. A potential minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective. This effect is uncertain dependent upon the specific design of the scheme. The positive effect is likely to be combined with a significant negative effect given that it would result in new development within the Conservation |

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|  |           | Area and given this area's sensitivity to unsympathetic development. The effect is also uncertain dependent upon the specific design of the scheme which is not known at this stage.   |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | --?       | The site is located in close proximity to Wigston Triangle Local Wildlife Site which is located within 80m to the north. In addition to this Rough Grassland, Landsdowne Grove, South Wigston Local Wildlife Site is located within 610m of this site to the south east, Grand Union Canal Local Wildlife Site is located within 675m of the site to the south and Horse Paddock, Crow Mills, South Wigston Local Wildlife Site is located within 795m of the to the south west. As such development at this location has the potential to detrimentally impact upon locally important habitats and their connectivity. A potential significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that it may be possible through the sympathetic design of any new development to incorporate appropriate mitigation or even to promote local habitat connectivity. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | 0?        | The site is relatively small (0.82ha) and located on mostly brownfield land. The redevelopment of the site is therefore unlikely to impact on the surrounding landscape and a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain until the specific design of development is known.   |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | 0         | This site is on mostly brownfield land outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, residential development at this location is not expected to impact upon flood risk within the Borough. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA  |

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|  |           | objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                               | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts. | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.                  | ++?       | The site is located in close proximity to a number of education facilities. Wigston College and Wigston Academy are located to the south east of the site within 690m and 650m respectively. Parkland County Primary School is located to the south west of the site within 470m and South Leicestershire College is located within 170m of the site to the south. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The positive effect is uncertain given that impacts will depend on there being capacity at these schools to accommodate new pupils.  |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate          | ++/-?     | The site is located in close proximity of a number of identified employment areas. Railway Triangle employment area is located within 80m of the site to the north. Also to the north within 145m of the site is Gloucester Crescent/Cornwall Road Industrial   |

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| employment opportunities for the local population.  |           | Estate while to the east within 200m is the identified employment area Magna Road and Blaby Road. The closest public transport node to the site is the bus stop located within 110m to the south by Blaby Road. As such residents at this location would be provided with a good level of access to employment opportunities in the surrounding area as well as those further afield by sustainable transport links. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. However, the site also contains land which is part of the Station Road identified employment area and as such this employment land may be lost as a result of redevelopment to provide housing and a health centre at this location meaning the significant positive effect is likely to be combined with a minor negative effect overall. |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.  | +         | This site option is relatively small (0.82ha) and is located on mostly brownfield land. A minor positive effect is therefore predicted in relation to this SA objective.  |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction   | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | +         | The site is located in close proximity of two town, district or local centres. South Wigston Town Centre is located adjacent to the site to the south and Gloucester Crescent Local Centre is located within 600m of the site to the north west. The closest public transport node to the site is the bus stop located within 110m to the south by Blaby Road. As such the site would provide residents with a relatively good level of access to services and people should be able to access the health centre from   |

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|  |           | elsewhere via sustainable transport; therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way. | ++        | The site is currently occupied by the Arriva bus depot and the Council has acknowledged that there is not capacity on the site to retain a bus depot and to redevelop it for other uses. The bus depot is, however, only to be vacated by Arriva if a more suitable location is found in South Wigston close to the routes in which the company operates. It is therefore not expected that the redevelopment of the site would adversely impact upon public transport services in the Borough. The site provides access to a public right of way within 115m of the site to the south by Blaby Road. The closest public transport node to the site is the bus stop located within 110m to the south which is also by Blaby Road. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

**OWBC30: Long Lanes, Paddock Street, Wigston (Wigston town centre site with potential to provide office floorspace, retail floorspace, residential units, public car parking and leisure facilities) - Allocated**

| SA Objectives   | SA Scores | Justification   |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | +?        | This is a relatively small site (0.90ha) and as such it has limited potential to provide a high number of new homes to help meet local need over the plan period. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The positive effect is uncertain, however, given that it is uncertain whether this site would include housing provision, as there is some flexibility in the uses of town centre sites. Furthermore the potential provision of office floorspace, retail floorspace, public car parking and leisure facilities, at this location may reduce the capacity for the site to accommodate new housing. |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | ++/-?     | The site is well placed in regards to access to outdoor space and public rights of way as well as local healthcare facilities. The closest healthcare facilities to the site are located at Long Street to the south west and Leicester Road to the north west within 205m and 215m respectively. A public right of way passes through the site and further public rights of way are located to the south of the site within 10m and to the north west within 25m. A number of tennis courts and a bowling green are located within Peace Memorial Park which is to the south west of the site within 65m. The location of these        |

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|  |           | facilities in close proximity to the site may encourage residents to partake of healthier lifestyle choices and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The site may include the provision of leisure facilities on site which would likely enhance the positive effect already expected for this SA objective. This positive effect is likely to be combined with an uncertain minor negative effect, however, given that a footpath runs through the site and the use of this public right of way may be lost depending upon the design of the development.   |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.  | ++/-?     | The site is located within 85m of Peace Memorial Park on Long Road to the south west. The close proximity of the site to this community and leisure facility may enable new residents to easily make use of it. The redevelopment of this site could involve the loss of current leisure uses (a gym) at this location. There is an element of flexibility with regards the new development which may include new leisure provision. An overall mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is therefore expected on this SA objective. The effect is uncertain dependent upon whether new leisure facilities would be included within the new development and the nature of these facilities if they were included. |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the impacts of all of the potential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.   |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc.  |

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|   |           | However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings. | +?/--?    | The site is located within The Lanes Conservation Area and partially within an Area of Archaeological Potential. Spa Lane Conservation Area is located within 50m of the site to the east. The closest Listed Building to the site is 34 Long Street (Grade II) which is located within 100m to the west. The Lanes Conservation Area Appraisal has identified the western side of Bull Head Street as making very little contribution in townscape terms. Enhancement opportunities have also been identified in the document and included among these are a need to improve views from Paddock Street (at the south of the site) into the service yards of the Bell Street commercial units as well as the pedestrian environment for users of Long Lane. As such the development of this site presents an opportunity to address issues relating to the maintenance of the special character of the Conservation Area. The potential minor positive effect is likely to be combined with a significant negative effect, however, given that it would result in new development within the Conservation Area, considering this area's sensitivity to unsympathetic development. The effect is uncertain dependent upon the specific design of the scheme which is not known at this stage. |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.                                 | -?        | The site is located within relatively close proximity of a number of biodiversity features. The Meadows Balancing Reservoir candidate Local Wildlife Site is located within 840m of the site to the south east and Newton Lane Meadows Local Wildlife Site is located within 975m of the site also to the south east. To the south west, Wigston, Bushlow High School Ash candidate Local Wildlife Sits is located within 965m of the site. The relatively close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features means that there is potential for detrimental impacts on local habitats during both the construction and operational phases. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is however uncertain given that the design of the development and potential incorporation of mitigation has not been established at this stage.  |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                    | 0?        | The site is relatively small (0.90ha) and located on brownfield land and as such its development for new dwellings and associated uses is likely to have a minimal impact on the landscape. The site is not located on land which falls within the countryside of the Borough and is not located on land which makes up part of a green wedge. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain until the specific design of development is known.  |

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| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | 0         | The site is located on brownfield land and is outside of flood zone 2 and flood zone 3. Development of this brownfield land would not result in an increase in the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough and therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution; however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.                                   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location and all sites will therefore have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                       | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The likely effects of development sites in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |

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| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all of the site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | +?        | The site is located in close proximity to a number of primary schools. All Saints Church of England Primary School on Long Street is located within 230m of the site to the west and Wigston Meadows Community Primary School on Meadow Way is located within 420m of the site to the east. As such new residents would be provided with easy access to a number of nearby primary schools and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This minor positive effect is recorded as uncertain as the impacts will depend on there being capacity at these schools to accommodate new pupils.  |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | ++/-?     | The site is located within 300m of identified employment land at North Street and Wakes Road which is to the north. There are also a number of bus stops located within close proximity of the site. The closest bus stop to the site is located on Paddock Street which is within 15m of the site to the south. A bus stop is located on Bull Head Street within 60m to the north east of the site and another bus stop is accessible within 85m on Long Street to the west of the site. As such new residents would be provided with existing employment opportunities with walking distance of the site and nearby public transport nodes may allow for access to employment opportunities further afield. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This significant positive effect is, uncertain however as the current uses at this location (which includes commercial and leisure uses as well as a factory unit) are likely to be lost if the site was redeveloped. The site is being considered for uses including office floorspace and retail floorspace which would help to compensate for any loss of employment opportunities at this location. Given that any loss of employment use on site may be compensated for the minor negative effect expected on this SA objective is recorded as uncertain. |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | +         | This is a relatively small site (0.90ha) located on brownfield land. As such development at this location would be a more efficient use of land than development on greenfield sites and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction  | 0         | Specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater impact upon this objective at the application stage and  |

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|   |           | therefore all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | +/-?      | The site is located within Wigston Town Centre and is also within walking distance of one Local Centre. Kelmars Avenue Local Centre is located within 365m of the site to the east. There are a number of bus stops surrounding the site with the nearest being located on Paddock Street which is within 15m of the site to the south. A bus stop is located on Bull Head Street within 60m to the north east of the site and another bus stop is located within 85m on Long Street to the west of the site. Given that residents will have ease of access to the services and facilities provided at the nearby Town Centre and Local Centre as well as those further afield by modes of public transport a minor positive effect is predicted for this SA objective. The site currently includes commercial uses which could be lost as part of the redevelopment. As such a minor negative effect is expected in combination with the positive effect recorded. The development of the site may include new retail facilities which would help to lessen any negative impact of loss of the current use. The negative effect is therefore uncertain dependent upon whether or not the retail use is included on site and the specific details of this retail use if it was provided. |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | ++        | The site is located within walking distance of a number of public transport nodes and public rights of way. The nearest bus stop is located on Paddock Street which is within 15m of the site to the south. A bus stop is also located on Bull Head Street within 60m to the north east of the site and another bus stop is accessible within 85m on Long Street to the west of the site. A footpath runs through the site from Paddock Street in the south to Bell Street in the north. Another footpath is located to the south of Paddock Street within 10m of the site and this runs south westerly towards Moat Street. Although the development proposed may incorporate a public car park, part of the site is currently used for this function meaning that an increase in local car use as result of this provision is unlikely. A significant positive effect is expected overall on this SA   |

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**OWBC31: Burgess Junction, Junction Road, Wigston (Wigston town centre site with potential to provide office floorspace, retail floorspace, residential units, public car parking and leisure facilities) - Allocated**

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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | ++?       | This is a relatively large site (1.14ha) and as such it has the potential to provide a high number of new homes to help meet local need over the plan period. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The positive effect is uncertain, however, given that it is uncertain whether this site would include housing provision, as there is some flexibility in the uses of town centre sites. Furthermore the potential provision of office floorspace, retail floorspace, public car parking and leisure facilities, at this location may reduce the capacity for the site to accommodate new housing.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | ++        | The site is well placed in regards to access to outdoor space and public rights of way as well as local healthcare facilities. The closest healthcare facilities to the site are located at Leicester Road and at Long Road to the west within 50m and to the south west within 345m. The closest public right of way is a footpath which runs by Junction Way within 40m of the site to the south east. A number of tennis courts and a bowling green are located within Peace Memorial Park which is to the south of the site within 260m. Access to a park and recreation ground is provided at the junction of Kelmarsh Avenue and Meadow Way within 595m to the south east. The provision of these facilities in close proximity to the site may encourage residents to partake of healthier lifestyle choices and a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The site may include the provision of leisure facilities on site which would likely enhance the significant positive effect already expected for this SA objective. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.   | ++?       | The site is located within 280m of Peace Memorial Park on Long Road to the south. The close proximity of the site to this community and leisure facility may enable new residents to easily make use of it. Furthermore the site may provide leisure facilities and therefore an overall significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The positive effect is uncertain dependent whether new leisure facilities would be provided and the nature of these facilities if they were included at the site.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on   |

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| reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   |           | factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the impacts of all of the potential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.  |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | -?        | The site is located within 105m of an Area of Archaeological Potential and Spa Lane Conservation Area to the east. Church of St Wistan (a Grade II Listed Building) is also located to the east of the site within 125m. The Lanes Conservation Area is located within 120m of the site to the south. An additional Area of Archaeological Potential is located within 130m of the site to the south. Of the closest Conservation Areas, the Lanes displays a more retail focussed character with some residential properties while Spa Lane contains a mixture of residential and industrial use. The Conservation Areas of Spa Lane and the Lanes Conservation Area are screened from the site by existing development at Bull Head Street and Frederick Street respectively. As such development of the site is likely to have a limited impact upon the identified special character of these areas and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that any effect will be dependent upon the specific design of schemes which is unknown at this stage. |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | -?        | Oadby Municipal Golf Course Wet Grassland Local Wildlife Site is located within 760m of the site to the north east. The relatively close proximity of the site to this biodiversity  |

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|  |           | feature means that there is potential for detrimental impacts on local habitats during both the construction phase and once residential properties have been occupied. As such a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that the design of the development and potential incorporation of mitigation has not been established at this stage.   |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | 0?        | The site is relatively large (1.14ha) and located on brownfield land and as such its development for new dwellings and a car park is likely to have a minimal impact on the landscape. The site is not located on land which falls within the countryside of the Borough and is not located on land which makes up part of a green wedge. A negligible effect is therefore most likely in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain until the specific design of development is known.   |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | 0         | The site is located on brownfield land and is outside of flood zone 2 and flood zone 3. Development of this brownfield land would not result in the increase of areas of impermeable surfaces in the Borough and therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution; however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.                                   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location and all sites will therefore  |

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|  |           | have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.   | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The likely effects of development sites in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all of the site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | +?        | The site is located in close proximity to a number of education facilities. All Saints Church of England Primary School on Long Street is located within 230m of the site to the west and Wigston Meadows Community Primary School on Meadow Way is located within 420m of the site to the east. As such new residents would be provided with easy access to a number of nearby primary schools and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This minor positive effect is recorded as uncertain as the impacts will depend on there being capacity at the school to accommodate new pupils.   |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | ++        | The site is located within 15m of identified employment land at North Street and Wakes Road which is to the north. There are also a number of bus stops located within close proximity of the site. The closest bus stop to the site is located on Leicester Road which on the western edge of the site. Further bus stops are located at Leicester Road by Ladbrokes and also at Aylestone Lane within 40m to the west and 70m to the south west respectively. As such, new residents would be provided with existing employment opportunities with walking distance of the site and nearby public transport nodes may allow for access to employment opportunities further afield. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The site is being considered for uses including office floorspace and retail floorspace which would help to enhance the significant positive effect already expected on this SA objective. |

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| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.  | ++        | This is a relatively large site (1.49ha) located on brownfield land. As such, development at this location would be a more efficient use of land than development on greenfield sites. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction   | 0         | Specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater impact upon this objective at the application stage and therefore all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | ++        | The site is located within Wigston Town Centre and is also within walking distance of three Local Centres. Kelmars Avenue Local Centre is located within 510m of the site to the south east. Leicester Road Local Centre is located within 715m of the site to the north west. Queens Drive Local Centre is located within 795m of the site to the south west. There are a number of bus stops surrounding the site with the closest located on Leicester Road which on the western edge of the site. Further bus stops are located at Leicester Road by Ladbroke and also at Aylestone Lane within 40m to the west and 70m to the south west respectively. Given that residents will have easy access to the services and facilities at the nearby Town Centre and Local Centre locations, as well as those further afield via public transport, a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective. While the site may include some retail use as part of its development which would improve residents access to essential services and facilities, the provision of this use is uncertain. |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | ++        | The site is located within walking distance of a number of public transport nodes and public rights of way. The closest bus stop to the site is located on Leicester Road which is on the western edge of the site. Further bus stops are located at Leicester Road by Ladbroke and also at Aylestone Lane within 40m to the west and 70m to the south  |

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|               |           | west respectively. The closest public right of way is a footpath which runs by Junction Way within 40m of the site to the south east. Although the development proposed may incorporate a public car parking facility, most of the site is currently used for this function meaning that an increase in local car use as result of this provision is unlikely. A significant positive effect is expected overall on this SA objective. |

**OWBC32: Chapel Mill, Frederick Street, Wigston (Wigston town centre site with potential to provide office floorspace, retail floorspace, residential units, public car parking and leisure facilities) - Allocated**

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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | +?        | This is a relatively small site (0.97ha) and as such it has limited potential to provide new homes to help meet local need over the plan period. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The positive effect is uncertain, however, given it is uncertain whether this site would include housing provision, as there is some flexibility in the uses of town centre sites. Furthermore the potential provision of office floorspace, retail floorspace, public car parking and leisure facilities, at this location may reduce the capacity for the site to accommodate new housing.  |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | ++/-?     | The site is well placed in regards to existing health care facilities, outdoor space and public rights of way. The closest health care facilities are located at Dr K Baker & Partners within 95m of the site to the west and at Dr A R Dayah & Partners within 325m of the site to the south west. Peace Memorial Park to the south contains a bowling green and tennis courts which are within 205m of the site to the south west. A number of footpaths are also located in close proximity to the site. The closest runs adjacent to the site before passing into it and another foot path is located within 20m of the site to the south. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective given that these facilities may be used by new residents at this location. The site may include the provision of leisure facilities on site which would likely enhance the significant positive effect already expected for this SA objective. This significant positive effect is combined with a minor negative effect, however, given that the use of the foot path which runs into the site may be lost as a result of the development. This minor negative effect is uncertain as the continued use of this footpath will depend on the specific design of the development. |

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| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.  | ++?       | The site is located within 215m of Peace Memorial Park which contains a bowls green to the south west. The close proximity of the site to this community and leisure facility may enable new residents to make use of this provision. Furthermore the site may provide leisure facilities and therefore an overall significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The positive effect is uncertain dependent whether new leisure facilities would be provided and the nature of these facilities if they were included at the site.                        |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the impacts of all of the potential sites on this SA objective will be negligible. |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | --?       | The site is located within 25m of an Area of Archaeological Potential and Spa Lane Conservation Area to the east. Church of St Wistan is a Grade II Listed Building and is also located to the northeast of the site within 50m. The Lanes Conservation Area is located within 15m of the site to the south. The Lanes Conservation Area is located within 15m of the site to the south. Of the Conservation Areas the Lanes displays a more retail focussed character with some residential properties while Spa Lane contains   |

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|   |           | <p>a mixture of residential and industrial use. An additional Area of Archaeological Potential is located within 25m of the site to the south. The site is located a road's width away from both the Lanes Conservation Area and Spa Lane Conservation Area. As such it helps to form part of the setting for these heritage assets. Given the sensitivity of the area to change in terms of the protection of its identified special character a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that any effect likely will be dependent upon the specific design of the development proposal which is unknown at this stage.</p>   |
| <p>8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.</p>  | <p>-?</p> | <p>The site is located within relatively close proximity of a number of biodiversity features. Oadby Municipal Golf Course - Wet Grassland Local Wildlife Site is located within 890m of the site to the north and The Meadows Balancing Reservoir candidate Local Wildlife Site is located within 900m of the site to the south east. The relatively close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features means that there is potential for detrimental impacts during both the construction and operational phases. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is however uncertain given that the design of the development and potential incorporation of mitigation has not been established at this stage.</p> |
| <p>9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.</p>                                   | <p>0?</p> | <p>The site is relatively small (0.97ha) and located on brownfield land and as such its development for residential use and a car park is likely to have a minimal impact on the landscape. The site is not located on land which falls within the identified countryside of the Borough and is not located on land which makes up part of a green wedge. A negligible effect is therefore most likely in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain until the specific design of development is known.</p>  |
| <p>10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding.</p> | <p>0</p>  | <p>The site is located on brownfield land and is outside of flood zone 2 and flood zone 3. Development of this site would therefore not result in the increase of areas of impermeable surfaces in the Borough and a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>   |
| <p>11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.</p>               | <p>0</p>  | <p>There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable</p>   |

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|  |           | transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                              | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution; however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location and all sites will therefore have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                               | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The likely effects of development sites in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts. | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all of the site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.                  | +?        | The site is located in close proximity to a number of education facilities. All Saints Church of England Primary School on Long Street is located within 280m of the site to the south west, Wigston Meadows Community Primary School on Meadow Way is located within 405m of the site to the east and St John Fisher Catholic Primary School on Shenley Road is located within 755m of the site to the north east. As such new residents would be provided with easy access to a number of primary schools and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This minor positive effect is   |

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|  |           | recorded as uncertain as the impacts will depend on there being capacity at the schools to accommodate new pupils.  |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | ++/-?     | The site is located within 180m of identified employment land at North Street and Wakes Road which is to the north. There are also a number of bus stops located within close proximity of the site. Bus stops are located to the east of the site on Bull Head Road within 25m and to the west of the site on Aylestone Lane within 90m. As such, new residents would be provided with existing employment opportunities with walking distance of the site and nearby public transport nodes may allow for access to employment opportunities further afield. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This significant positive effect is recorded in combination with a minor negative but uncertain effect however as the current uses at this location (which include a number of small businesses) are likely to be lost if the site was redeveloped. The site is being considered for uses including office floorspace and retail floorspace which would help to compensate for any loss of employment opportunities at this location. Given that any loss of employment use on site may be compensated for the minor negative effect expected on this SA objective is recorded as uncertain. |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | +         | This is a relatively small site (0.97ha) located on brownfield land. As such development at this location would be a more efficient use of land than development on greenfield sites. As the site is relatively small the positive effect on this SA objective is expected to be minor.   |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction  | 0         | Specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater impact upon this objective at the application stage and therefore all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of  |

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|   |           | assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | +/-?      | The site is located within walking distance of a number of local centres and a town centre. The site is within Wigston Town Centre. The site is also located within 410m of Kelmars Avenue Local Centre to the south west. In addition there are bus stops located to the east on Bull Head Road within 25m and to the west on Aylestone Lane within 90m. Given that residents will be easily able to access the services and facilities provided at these nearby centres as well as those further afield via sustainable transport links, a minor positive effect is predicted for this SA objective. The redevelopment of this site could however result in the loss of the current retail facilities provided at this location. As such a minor negative effect is expected in combination with the positive effect recorded. The development of the site may include new retail facilities which would help to lessen any negative impact of loss of the current use. The negative effect is therefore uncertain dependent upon whether or not the retail use is included on site and the specific details of this retail use if it was provided. |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | ++        | The site is located within walking distance of a number of public transport nodes and public rights of way. Bus stops are located to the east of the site on Bull Head Road within 25m and to the west of the site on Aylestone Lane within 90m. The closest public right of way is the foot path which is adjacent to the site to the west. The good level of access that the site provides to sustainable transport links means residents may be encouraged to use these links instead of choosing to travel by a car and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. Although the site option would provide a public car park as part of the development this area already contains this type of facility and as such its replacement is unlikely to increase car use.   |

**OWBC33: Baxter's Place, Sandhurst Street, Oadby (Oadby town centre site with potential to provide commercial floorspace, retail floorspace, residential units, public car parking and health centre) - Allocated**

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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services. | ++?       | This is a relatively large site (1.13ha) and as such it has the potential to provide a high number of new homes to help meet local need over the plan period. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The positive effect is uncertain, however, given it is uncertain whether this site would include housing provision, as there is some flexibility in the uses of town centre sites. Furthermore the potential |

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|   |           | provision of commercial floorspace, retail floorspace, public car parking and a health centre, at this location may reduce the capacity for the site to accommodate new housing.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | + +/-?    | The site is well placed in regards to access to outdoor space and public rights of way as well as local healthcare facilities. The closest healthcare facilities to the site are located at The Parade at Brooksby Drive and at Harborough Road to the south within 65m, to the south east within 115m and to the north east within 240m. The closest public right of way is a footpath which runs through the site from Sandhurst Street in the north to Chestnut Avenue in the south. Another footpath is located to the south of the site within 85m and runs between Chestnut Avenue and Bruins Walk. Ellis Park is located within 70m of the site to the north west and a number of tennis courts, a bowling green, allotments and children's and young people's space are located here. The presence of these facilities in close proximity to the site may encourage residents to partake of healthier lifestyle choices. However, given that a footpath is located within the boundaries of the development site its use may be lost dependent upon the design of the scheme and therefore the significant positive effect expected on this SA objective is combined with an uncertain minor negative effect. The development of this site may include the provision of a health care centre which would likely enhance the significant positive effect already expected on this SA objective. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.   | +         | The site is located within 175m of Ellis Park Pavilion on Brabazon Road and within 300m of Charles Day Centre on Wigston Road. The close proximity of the site to these community and leisure facilities may enable new residents to easily make use of them and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.  | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the impacts of all of the potential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.  |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in   | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these  |

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| creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. |           | factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.                                  | -?        | The site is located within 185m of the London Road and Saint Peters, Oadby Conservation Area to the east and is within 280m of the Oadby Court Conservation Area to the north west. The nearest Area of Archaeological Potential is located to the south east within 255m. 21 Church Street and the Church of St Peter are Grade I and Grade II* Listed Buildings respectively which are within 210m to the east and 270m to the south east of the site. Heritage assets identified to the north, east and south east are screened by existing retail and residential uses. As such any detrimental impact likely on the setting of these heritage assets is likely to be minimal and a potential minor negative effect is recorded for this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain considering that any effects will be dependent upon the specific design of a scheme which is unknown at this stage. |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | -?        | The site is located within relatively close proximity of a number of biodiversity features. Hermitage Hotel Beech Local Wildlife Site is located within 345m of the site to the south east. A potential Local Wildlife Site is located within 545m of the site to the south. The relatively close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features means that there is potential for detrimental impacts during both the construction and operational phases. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is however uncertain given that the design of the development and potential incorporation of mitigation has not been established at this stage.  |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.   | 0?        | The site is relatively large (1.13ha) and located on brownfield land and as such its development for new dwellings, a healthcare centre and a car park is likely to have a minimal impact on the landscape. The site is not located on land which falls within the identified countryside of the Borough and is not located on land which makes up part of  |

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|  |           | a green wedge. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain until the specific design of development is known.  |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | 0         | The site is located on brownfield land and is outside of flood zone 2 and flood zone 3. Development of this brownfield land would not result in the increase of areas of impermeable surfaces in the Borough and therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution; however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.                                   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location and all sites will therefore have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                       | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The likely effects of development sites in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will |

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|  |           | have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all of the site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | +?        | The site is located in close proximity to two education facilities. Langmoor Primary School on Kenilworth Drive is located within 395m of the site to the south west and Launde Primary School on New Street is located within 420m of the site to the east. As such new residents would be provided with easy access to a number of nearby primary schools and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This minor positive effect is recorded as uncertain as the impacts will depend on there being capacity at the school to accommodate new pupils.   |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | ++        | The site is located within 255m of identified employment land at Mandervell Road/Kenilworth Drive Industrial Estate which is to the west and within 385m of identified employment land at Cross Street Industrial Units which is to the north. There are also a number of bus stops located within close proximity of the site. The closest bus stop to the site is located on The Parade which on the eastern edge of the site. Two further bus stops are located to the south of the site on Chestnut Avenue within 35m and 55m respectively. As such new residents would be provided with existing employment opportunities with walking distance of the site and nearby public transport nodes may allow for access to employment opportunities further afield. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. Given that the site has the potential to provide commercial floorspace and retail floorspace the significant positive effect expected on this SA objective may be further added to dependent upon whether these uses are to be included and their exact nature. |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | ++        | This is a relatively large site (1.13ha) located on brownfield land. As such development at this location would be a more efficient use of land than development on greenfield sites. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective given the site's larger size.  |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and   | 0         | Specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in   |

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| construction  |           | place will have a greater impact upon this objective at the application stage and therefore all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | ++        | The site is located within Oadby Town Centre and is also within walking distance of two Local Centres. Brabazon Road Local Centre is located within 200m of the site to the south west. Rosemead Drive Local Centre is located within 730m of the site to the south east. There are also a number of bus stops located within close proximity of the site. The closest bus stop to the site is located on The Parade which on the eastern edge of the site. Two further bus stops are located to the south of the site on Chestnut Avenue within 35m and 55m respectively. Given that residents will have ease of access to a relatively good level of services and facilities provided at the nearby Town Centre and two Local Centre locations identified as well as those further afield by modes of public transport a significant positive effect is predicted for this SA objective. While the site may include some retail use as part of its development which would improve residents access to essential services and facilities, the provision of this use is uncertain. |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | ++        | The site is located within walking distance of a number of public transport nodes and public rights of way. The closest bus stop to the site is located on The Parade which on the eastern edge of the site. Two further bus stops are located to the south of the site on Chestnut Avenue within 35m and 55m respectively. The closest public right of way is a footpath which runs through the site from Sandhurst Street in the north to Chestnut Avenue in the south. Another foot path is accessible to the south of the site within 85m and runs between Chestnut Avenue and Bruins Walk. Although the development proposed may incorporate a public car parking facility most of the site is currently used for this function meaning any potential for an increase in local car use as result of this provision is unlikely. A significant positive effect is expected overall on this SA objective.  |

**OWBC34: Brooksby Square, East Street Car Park, Oadby (Oadby town centre site with potential to provide commercial floorspace, retail floorspace, residential units, public car parking and health centre) - Allocated**

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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | ++?       | This is a relatively large site (1.26ha) and as such it could potentially provide a high number of new homes to help meet local need over the plan period. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. However, the positive effect is uncertain however, given it is uncertain whether this site would include housing provision, as there is some flexibility in the uses of town centre sites. Furthermore the potential provision of commercial floorspace, retail floorspace, public car parking and a health centre at this location may reduce the capacity for the site to accommodate new housing.  |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | ++        | The site is well placed in regards to access to outdoor space and public rights of way as well as local healthcare facilities. The closest healthcare facilities to the site are located at Brooksby Drive, The Parade and Harborough Road within 35m, 60m and 150m respectively. Access to allotments is provided within 110m to the west on Brabazon Road. A park and recreation ground is located adjacent to these allotments to the north and a number of tennis courts, a bowling green and children and young people's space are provided here. Further access to a park and recreation ground is provided on London Road to the south east of the site within 170m. The nearest right of way is located within 15m where it passes on to The Parade. The provision of these facilities in close proximity to the site may encourage residents to partake of healthier lifestyle choices and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The development of this site may include the provision of a health care centre which would likely enhance the significant positive effect already expected on this SA objective. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.   | +         | The site is located within 225m of Walter Charles Day Centre on Wigston Road to the south east and within 235m of Ellis Park Pavilion on Brabazon Road to the north west. The close proximity of the site to these community and leisure facilities may enable new residents to easily make use of them and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.  | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through  |

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|  |           | the detailed proposals for each site) and so the impacts of all of the potential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.   |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | --?       | The site is located within 95m of the London Road and Saint Peters, Oadby Conservation Area to the east and within 325m of the Oadby Court Conservation Area to the north west. The nearest Area of Archaeological Potential is located to the south east within 165m. 21 Church Street and the Church of St Peter are Grade I and Grade II* Listed Buildings respectively which are within 120m to the east and 185m to the south east of the site. The site acts as part of the setting for the London Road and Saint Peters, Oadby Conservation Area and there is intervisibility from the western part of the Conservation Area at Leicester Road towards part of the site at The Parade. As such, development at this site has the potential to impact upon the Conservation Area's setting. The London Road and Saint Peters Conservation Area Appraisal has established that the development to the west of the Conservation Area which makes up its setting is of mixed use and therefore a mainly residential scheme may not be appropriate at this location. In addition London Road and Saint Peters Conservation Area Appraisal Development Control Guidance (2007) states that development outside of the Conservation Area which has an adverse impact on the area's special character or appearance (including views and vistas) will not be permitted. As such a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given any impact will be dependent upon the design of the development which is unknown at this stage. |

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| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | -?        | The site is located within relatively close proximity of a number of biodiversity features. Hermitage Hotel Beech Local Wildlife Site is located within 280m of the site to the south east. A potential Local Wildlife Site is located within 530m of the site to the south west and Blackthorn Manor Pond Local Wildlife Site is located within 555m of the site to the north. The relatively close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features means that there is potential for detrimental impacts during both the construction and operational phases. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is however uncertain given that the design of the development and potential incorporation of mitigation has not been established at this stage. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | 0?        | The site is relatively large (1.26ha) and located on brownfield land and as such its development for new dwellings and a car park is likely to have a minimal impact on the landscape. The site is not located on land which falls within the countryside of the Borough and is not located on land which makes up part of a green wedge. A negligible effect is expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain until the specific design of development is known.  |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | 0         | The site is located on brownfield land and is outside of flood zone 2 and flood zone 3. Development of this brownfield land would not result in the increase of area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough and therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution; however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |

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| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location and all sites will therefore have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.   | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The likely effects of development sites in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all of the site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | +?        | The site is located in close proximity to a number of education facilities. Launde Primary School is located within 340m of the site to the east and Langmoor Primary School is located within 470m of the site to the south west. As such new residents would be provided with easy access to a number of nearby primary schools and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This minor positive effect is recorded as uncertain as the impacts will depend on there being capacity at the school to accommodate new pupils.   |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | ++        | The site is located within 280m of identified employment land at Cross Street Industrial Units and within 385m of Mandervell Road/Kenilworth Drive Industrial Estate to the west. There are also a number of bus stops located within close proximity of the site. The closest bus stop to the site is located on The Parade which is adjacent to the site to the west. Two further bus stops are provided on this road to the north within 40m and 110m respectively. Bus stops are also provided to the north of the site on Lyndhurst Road and Stoughton Road within 50m and 80m respectively. As such new residents   |

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|   |           | would have access to existing employment opportunities with walking distance of the site and nearby public transport nodes may allow for access to employment opportunities further afield. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. Given that the site has the potential to provide commercial floorspace and retail floorspace the significant positive effect expected on this SA objective may be further added to, dependent upon whether these uses are to be included and their exact nature.  |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.  | ++        | This is a relatively large site (1.26ha) located on brownfield land. As such development at this location would be a more efficient use of land than development on greenfield sites. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction   | 0         | Specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater impact upon this objective at the application stage and therefore all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | ++        | The site is located within Oadby Town Centre and is also within walking distance of two Local Centres. Brabazon Road Local Centre is located within 290m of the site to the south west and Rosemead Drive Local Centre is located within 655m of the site to the south east. There are a number of bus stops surrounding the site with the nearest being located adjacent to the site on the Parade to the west. Two further bus stops are located on The Parade to the north within 40m and 110m respectively. Bus stops are also provided to the north of the site on Lyndhurst Road and Stoughton Road within 50m and 80m respectively. Given that residents will have ease of access to the services and facilities provided at the nearby Local Centres as well as those further afield by public transport, a significant positive effect is predicted for this SA objective. While |

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|  |           | the site may include some retail use as part of its development which would improve residents access to essential services and facilities, the provision of this use is uncertain.  |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way. | ++        | The site is located within walking distance of a number of public transport nodes and public rights of way. The closest bus stop to the site is located adjacent to the site on the Parade to the west. Two further bus stops are located on The Parade to the north within 40m and 110m respectively. Bus stops are also provided to the north of the site on Lyndhurst Road and Stoughton Road within 50m and 80m respectively. The closest public right of way is the footpath that runs from The Parade and is located within 15m of the site to the west. Another footpath is accessible within 120m of the site to the south west by Chestnut Avenue. The good level of access the site provides to sustainable transport links means new residents may be encouraged to use these links instead of choosing to travel by car. Although the development proposed may incorporate a public car park the entire site is currently used for this function meaning that an increase in local car use as result of this provision is unlikely. A significant positive effect is expected overall on this SA objective. |

#### OWBC38: Proposed Transport Route (known formerly as the Eastern District Distributor Road) <sup>76</sup> (residential use)

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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | ++        | This is a relatively large site (8.32 ha) and as such it could potentially provide a high number of new homes to help meet local need over the plan period. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | ++/-?     | The site is well placed in regards to access to outdoor space and public rights of way as well as healthcare facilities. The park within 125m to the south of the site on Brabazon Road (which includes bowling green, children's play area and allotments) contains a number of accessible open spaces. A footpath also runs through the site from nearby Shady Lane to Stoughton Road. There are three GP's within 600m to the south of the site. These are Dr S Z Husain & Partners, Dr MJ Davies & Partners and Oadby Urgent Care Centre. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. |

<sup>76</sup> This site was previously called the 'Eastern District Distributor Road, Oadby (Local Plan 1999 Allocation: Reservation for the Eastern District Distributor Road, Oadby (T1))' in the Preferred Options Local Plan SA Report. The site name has been updated to the 'Proposed Transport Route' in light of changes in the Pre-Submission Local Plan.

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|  |           | However, the site also contains part of the Meadow Court natural greenspace meaning any development at this location could affect access to this area. As such an overall mixed effect (significant positive/uncertain minor negative) is expected on this SA objective. The minor negative effect is recorded as uncertain given that it cannot be determined at this stage if the natural greenspace would be lost due to residential development at this location.   |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.  | +         | The site is located within 250m of Ellis Park Pavilion on Brabazon Road to the south. The close proximity of the site to this community and leisure facility may enable new residents to easily make use of it and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the impacts of all of the potential sites on this SA objective will be negligible. |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | --?       | The site is located within close proximity of a number of designated heritage assets. Oadby Hill Top and Meadowcourt Conservation Area is partially within the site and Oadby Court Conservation Area is located within 35m of the site to the south. North   |

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|   |            | <p>Memorial Conservation Area is located within 260m also to the south. Two Areas of Archaeological Potential are located within 35m to the west and within 20m to the east of the site respectively. The closest Listed Building to the site is located within 420m to the west. The development of the site would most likely involve the loss of a number of mature trees within the Conservation Area to the east of Meadowcourt Road. Trees within this part of the Conservation Area have been recognised in the Oadby Hill Top and Meadowcourt Conservation Area Appraisal (2005) as being “extremely important” to the special character of the area. The site also contains the part of the university sports grounds at Southmeads Road which have also been identified as contributing to the setting of the Conservation Area acting to provide an “attractive quite open feel”. As such the Oadby Hill Top and Meadowcourt Conservation Area Development Control Guidance (2005) gives specific protection to both trees and open spaces unless there is demonstrable public benefits to the development which would result in loss of these features. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that sympathetic design of a residential scheme might allow some of the existing features which contribute to the identified special character and setting of the area to be maintained.</p> |
| <p>8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.</p>              | <p>--?</p> | <p>Stackyard Spinney Local Wildlife Site lies partially within the northern portion of the site and Blackthorn Manor Pond Local Wildlife Site is located adjacent to the site to the east. Leicestershire Golf Course Local Wildlife Site is also located within 10m of the site to the north. The close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features means that there is potential for detrimental impacts on local habitats during both the construction phase and once residential properties have been occupied. As such a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is, however, uncertain given that the design of developments and potential incorporation of mitigation has not been established at this stage.</p>  |
| <p>9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.</p> | <p>--?</p> | <p>The site is relatively large (8.32 ha) and is located on greenfield land and as such its development for new dwellings is likely to impact on the landscape. The site also contains some of the land within the Oadby, Thurnby and Stoughton Green Wedge and as such the development of this area could potentially contribute to the coalescence of those settlements. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This expected negative effect on the landscape is uncertain until the specific design of development is known.</p>   |

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| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | -         | The site is located on greenfield land and is outside of flood zone 2 and flood zone 3. Development of this greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough which could potentially increase local flood risk and a minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.  |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution; however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.                                   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location and all sites will therefore have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                       | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The likely effects of development sites in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |

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| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all of the site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | +?        | The site is located within 760m of Launde Primary School which is to the south. As such new residents would be provided with easy access to this school and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This minor positive effect is recorded as uncertain as the impacts will depend on there being capacity at the school to accommodate new pupils.  |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | ++        | The site is located within 30m of identified employment land at Cross Street Industrial Units and within 490m of Kenilworth Drive Industrial Estate. There are a number of bus stops located within close proximity of the site. The closest bus stop to the site is located on Manor Road which passes through the central portion of the site and further bus stops are located at Leicester Road to the south west of the site within 70m and also on Stoughton Road to the south east of the site within 440m. As such new residents would be provided with existing employment opportunities with walking distance of the site and nearby public transport nodes may allow for access to employment opportunities further afield. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | --        | This is quite a large site (8.32 ha) located on greenfield land. As such, development at this location would be a less efficient use of land than development on brownfield sites. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction  | 0         | Specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater impact upon this objective at the application stage and therefore all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and   |

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|   |           | facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | +         | Oadby Town Centre is located within 160m of the site to the south east. The site is also located within walking distance of Brabazon Road local centre which is within 650m of the site to the south. There are a number of bus stops surrounding the site with the nearest being on the site boundary on Manor Road. Further bus stops are located at Leicester Road to the south west of the site within 70m and also on Stoughton Road to the south east of the site within 440m. Given that residents will have ease of access to the services and facilities provided at the nearby local centre locations identified as well as those further afield by modes of public transport a minor positive effect is predicted for this SA objective. |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | ++        | The site is located within walking distance of a number of public transport nodes as well as a public right of way. The closest bus stop to the site is accessible from the centre site boundary on Manor Road. Further bus stops are located at Leicester Road to the south west of the site within 70m and also on Stoughton Road to the south east of the site within 440m. The closest public right of way is the footpath that runs through the site from Gartree Road to Stoughton Road. The good level of access the site provides to sustainable transport links means new residents may be encouraged to use these links instead of choosing to travel by car. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.             |

### OWBC39: Land west of Leicester Road and north of Palmerston Way, Oadby (residential)

| SA Objectives   | SA Scores | Justification  |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.  | ++        | This is a relatively large site (3.29ha) and as such it could potentially provide a high number of new homes to help meet local need over the plan period. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services.                           | +/-?      | There is no GP surgery or health centre within walking distance (800m) of this site. There is also no land which has been identified as being within the countryside located within close proximity of the site. However, there are a number of natural greenspaces and a children's play area within 800m of the site, along with a footpath, which is within 400m. This means that development on this site is likely have a minor positive effect in relation to this SA objective. This minor positive effect is likely to be combined within a minor negative effect, however, given that the site contains part of a footpath and so development may reduce access to this current use. The minor negative effect is uncertain depending on whether the footpath could be retained within the new development. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.   | +         | Ellis Park Pavilion is located within 730m to the south east of the site on Brabazon Road. As such the site provides a relatively good level of access to existing community and leisure facilities and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.  | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the impacts of all of the potential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.  |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |

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| deprived people.  |           |  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.                         | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings. | -?        | The site is located within close proximity of a number of designated heritage assets. Oadby Hill Top and Meadowcourt Conservation Area is located to the north of the site within 40m on the other side of the A6 and Oadby Court Conservation Area is located within 520m of the site to the south east. Oadby Court Conservation Area is screened from the site by residential development at Granville Avenue. Glebe Mount (Grade II Listed) and Hastings House (Grade II Listed) are the closest Listed Buildings to the site within 140m and 180m to the north and north west respectively. Both lie within the Oadby Hill Top and Meadowcourt Conservation Area. The screening provided by the sparse tree cover along the A6 is less substantial between the site and Oadby Hill Top and Meadowcourt Conservation Area. The site is to the south of the A6 and this area has not been identified as forming an important part of the setting of the conservation area in the Oadby Hill Top & Meadowcourt Conservation Area Appraisal (2005) and therefore there is reduced potential for new development to impact upon the significance of this heritage asset and its setting. As such a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain given that it will depend on the specific design of the development which is unknown at this stage. |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.                                 | --?       | The site is located in close proximity to a number of biodiversity sites and is also located within the area of the Borough which has been identified as countryside. The site contains the Race Course Meadow Local Wildlife Site. Knighton Park hedgerows, Knighton Spinney and Blackthorn Manor Pond Local Wildlife Sites are also within 585m to the south west and within 770m to the east of the site respectively. The close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features means that there is potential for negative impacts on local habitats during both the construction phase and once residential properties have been occupied. As such, a significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The effect is, however, uncertain at this stage given that the design of developments and potential incorporation of mitigation has not been established yet.  |

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| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | --?       | The site is relatively large (3.29ha) and is located on greenfield land. This land forms part of the Oadby and Wigston Green Wedge. The loss of this relatively large area of greenfield land may have negative impacts on the surrounding landscape and an overall potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that it will be influenced by the specific design of development which is not yet known.   |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | -         | This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, residential development at this location has the potential to increase the Boroughs' vulnerability to flooding given that it would increase the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough, although not in the areas of highest flood risk. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution; however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.                                   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location and all sites will therefore have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                       | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the  |

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|  |           | causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The likely effects of development sites in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all of the site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | -?        | The site is not within 800m of any primary schools, secondary schools or colleges. Therefore, a minor negative effect is predicted on this SA objective, although this is uncertain depending on whether new school places could be associated with the development of this site and whether existing facilities have capacity to accept new pupils.  |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | ++        | The site is located within 700m of Cross Street Industrial Units, which are to the east, and within 710m of Mandervell Road/Kenilworth Drive Industrial Estate, which is to the south east. The site is also located in close proximity of a number of public transport nodes, which might provide residents with access to employment opportunities further afield. The closest bus stop to the site is located on the northern edge of the site at A6. As such, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | --        | This is a relatively large site (3.29ha) located on greenfield land. As such, development at this location would involve the use of a large amount of previously undeveloped land and a significant negative effect is predicted.   |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction  | 0         | Specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater impact upon this objective at the application stage and therefore all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices.   |

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|   |           | However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | 0         | The site is located within walking distance (800m) of Oadby Town Centre which is approximately 690m to the south east. The closest bus stop to the site is at its northern edge by the A6. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective overall.   |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | ++        | The site is located within walking distance of a number of public transport nodes as well as a PRoW. The closest bus stop to the site is at its northern edge by the A6. The closest public right of way is the footpath which runs from the south east edge of the site to the east towards Granville Avenue. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |

#### OWBC39: Land west of Leicester Road and north of Palmerston Way, Oadby (mixed use development, including residential)

| SA Objectives   | SA Scores | Justification  |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | ++        | This is a relatively large site (3.29ha) and as such it could potentially provide a high number of new homes to help meet local need over the plan period. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | +/-?      | There is no GP surgery or health centre within walking distance (800m) of this site. There is also no land which has been identified as being within the countryside located within close proximity of the site. However, there are a number of natural greenspaces and a children's play area within 800m of the site, and a footpath within 400m. This means that development on this site is likely have a minor positive effect in relation to this SA objective. This minor positive effect is likely to be combined within a minor negative effect, given that the site contains part of a footpath and so development may reduce access to this current use. The minor negative effect is uncertain depending on whether the footpath could be retained within the new development. |

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| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.  | +?        | Ellis Park Pavilion is located within 730m to the south east of the site on Brabazon Road. As such the site currently provides a relatively good level of access to existing community and leisure facilities. As the mixed use development may present opportunities for the incorporation of services and facilities, which may be of benefit to the community an overall minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The positive effect is uncertain dependent upon the precise details of any scheme which might come forward on this site.   |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the impacts of all of the potential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.  |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | -?        | The site is located within close proximity of a number of designated heritage assets. Oadby Hill Top and Meadowcourt Conservation Area is located to the north of the site within 40m on the other side of the A6 and Oadby Court Conservation Area is located within 520m of the site to the south east. Oadby Court Conservation Area is screened from the site by residential development at Granville Avenue. Glebe Mount (Grade II Listed) and Hastings House (Grade II Listed) are the closest Listed Buildings to the site within 140m and 180m to the north and north west respectively. Both lie within the |

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|  |           | Oadby Hill Top and Meadowcourt Conservation Area. The screening provided by the sparse tree cover along the A6 is less substantial between the site and Oadby Hill Top and Meadowcourt Conservation Area however. The site is to the south of the A6 and this area has not been identified as forming an important part of the setting of the conservation area in the Oadby Hill Top & Meadowcourt Conservation Area Appraisal (2005) and therefore there is reduced potential for new development to impact upon the significance of this heritage asset and its setting. As such a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain given that it will depend on the specific design of the development which is unknown at this stage.  |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | --?       | The site is located in close proximity to a number of biodiversity sites and is also located within the area of the Borough which has been identified as countryside. The site is located on land which has been designated as the Race Course Meadow Local Wildlife Site. Knighton Park hedgerows, Knighton Spinney and Blackthorn Manor Pond Local Wildlife Sites are also within 585m to the south west and within 770m to the east of the site respectively. The close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features means that there is potential for negative impacts on local habitats during both the construction phase and once residential properties have been occupied. As such, a significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The effect is, however, uncertain at this stage given that the design of developments and potential incorporation of mitigation has not been established yet. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | --?       | The site is relatively large (3.29ha) and is located on greenfield land. This land forms part of the Oadby and Wigston Green Wedge. The loss of this relatively large area of greenfield land may have negative impacts on the surrounding landscape and an overall potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that it will be influenced by the specific design of development which is not yet known.  |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | -         | This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, residential development at this location has the potential to increase the Borough's vulnerability to flooding given that it would increase the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough, although not in the areas of highest flood risk. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly  | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New   |

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| through reducing transport related pollutants.   |           | development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                              | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution; however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location and all sites will therefore have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                               | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The likely effects of development sites in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts. | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all of the site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.                  | -?        | The site is not within 800m of any primary schools, secondary schools or colleges. Therefore, a minor negative effect is predicted on this SA objective although this is uncertain depending on whether new school places could be associated with the  |

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|   |           | development of this site and whether existing facilities have capacity to accept new pupils.   |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population.                                | ++        | The site is located within 700m of Cross Street Industrial Units which are to the east and within 710m of Mandervell Road/Kenilworth Drive Industrial Estate which is to the south east. The site is also located in close proximity of a number of public transport nodes which might provide residents with access to employment opportunities further afield. The closest bus stop to the site is located on the northern edge of the site at A6. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. Further positive effects may occur if the mixed use development includes new employment uses, for example through the delivery of new office space. |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.  | --        | This is a relatively large site (3.29ha) located on greenfield land. As such, development at this location would involve the use of a large amount of previously undeveloped land and a significant negative effect is predicted.  |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction   | 0         | Specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater impact upon this objective at the application stage and therefore all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | +?        | The site is located within walking distance (800m) of Oadby Town Centre, which is approximately 690m to the south east. The closest bus stop to the site is at its northern edge by the A6. Furthermore the provision of mixed use development in the Borough is likely to result in new services and facilities being delivered in close proximity to new residential properties thereby improving their accessibility. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This positive effect is uncertain dependent upon  |

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|  |           | what type of development will be included within any proposal which might come at this location.  |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way. | ++        | The site is located within walking distance (400m) of a number of public transport nodes as well as a PRow. The closest bus stop to the site is at its northern edge by the A6. The closest public right of way is the footpath which runs from the south east edge of the site to the east towards Granville Avenue. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. Providing for mixed use development in the Borough is expected to help reduce the need to travel by private vehicle by encouraging the provision of new services and facilities in close proximity to residential development and therefore this significant positive effect is likely to be amplified. |

**OWBC40: Land east of Welford Road, Ellis Farm, Kilby Bridge (residential) - Not allocated but partly within Kilby Bridge Settlement Envelope**

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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | ++        | This is a relatively large site (10.65ha) and as such it could potentially provide a high number of new homes to help meet local need over the plan period. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | +/-       | There is no GP surgery or health centre within walking distance (800m) of this site. The site is however located within 750m and 800m respectively of an outdoor open space and a children's and young people's open space which are both to the north west at Horsewell Lane. The site is also adjacent to areas of land which have been identified as being within the countryside on all sides. A public right of way runs along the southern edge of the site. However, the site itself is also within an area of land which has been identified as countryside and so development at this location may limit access to the countryside and therefore a mixed overall (minor positive/minor negative) effect is predicted on this SA objective. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.   | -?        | There are no community or leisure facilities within 800m of this site, with the closest being Horsewell Lane Pavilion and Recreation Ground approximately 850m to the north west. Therefore, a minor negative effect on this SA objective is predicted, although this is uncertain and depends on whether such facilities are to be provided as part of the new development.  |

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| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible.   |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | --?       | The site lies within Grand Union Canal Conservation Area and contains the Kilby Bridge Signal Box Monument at its north edge. The Grand Union Canal Conservation Area does not have a conservation area appraisal; however development at this location may affect its special character. As such a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The potential significant negative effect is uncertain given that any impact upon local character will be dependent upon the specific design of the new development which is not yet known.  |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | --?       | The site contains a portion of the Canal SSSI. It is also located within 40m of Barn Pool Meadow (Cooks Lane grassland) Local Wildlife Site, which is to the north of the site. A Regionally Important Geological Site is also within 40m to the north of the site. The site is located on an area of land which has been identified as part of the countryside meaning it may have some further importance in terms of biodiversity. As such development at this location may have negative impacts on local habitats and species and a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. |

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|  |           | The negative effect is uncertain given that any residential proposal which comes forward for this site may allow for sympathetic design and mitigation measures to be incorporated.   |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | --?       | The site is located within an area of the Borough that has been identified as countryside. The development of the site would result in the loss of a sizeable area (10.65ha) of greenfield land which may have negative impacts on the surrounding local landscape and a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that it will be influenced by the specific design of development which is not yet known.  |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | -         | The site is located on greenfield land, outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, residential development at this location has some potential to increase the Borough's vulnerability to flooding given that it would increase the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough, although not in the areas of highest flood risk. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.                                   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of  |

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|  |           | individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.   | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | +?        | The site is located within 300m of Wigston Thythorn Fields County Primary School, which is to the north west. Therefore, a minor positive effect on this SA objective is predicted although this is uncertain depending on whether new school places could be associated with the development of this site and whether existing facilities have capacity to accept new pupils.  |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | -         | There are no identified employment areas within 800m of the site or any public transport nodes within 400m of the site. As such residents would not be provided with a high level of access to existing employment opportunities locally or further afield. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | --        | This site option is relatively large (10.65ha) and is located on greenfield land. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction  | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in   |

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|   |           | place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | --        | The site is not located within 800m of a town, district or local centre and is not located within 400m of a public transport node. As such a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | +         | A PRoW runs along the southern edge of the site. However, there are no public transport nodes located within 400m of the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |

#### OWBC40: Land east of Welford Road, Ellis Farm, Kilby Bridge (mixed use development, including residential)

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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | ++        | This is a relatively large site (10.65ha) and as such it could potentially provide a high number of new homes to help meet local need over the plan period. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | +/-       | There is no GP surgery or health centre within walking distance (800m) of this site. The site is however located within 750m and 800m respectively of an outdoor open space and a children's and young people's open space which are both to the north west at Horsewell Lane. The site is also adjacent to areas of land which have been identified as being within the countryside on all sides. A public right of way runs along the southern |

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|  |           | edge of the site. However, the site itself is also within the area of land which has identified as countryside and so development at this location may limit access to the countryside and therefore a mixed overall (minor positive/minor negative) effect is predicted on this SA objective.  |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.  | +?        | There are no community or leisure facilities within 800m of this site, with the closest being Horsewell Lane Pavilion and Recreation Ground approximately 850m to the north west. However, as the mixed use development which is considered for delivery at this location may present opportunities for the incorporation of services and facilities which may be of benefit to the community an overall minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The minor positive effect is uncertain dependent upon the precise details of any scheme which might come forward on this site. |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible.                          |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their  | --?       | The site lies within Grand Union Canal Conservation Area and contains the Kilby Bridge Signal Box Monument at its north edge. The Grand Union Canal Conservation Area does  |

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| settings.  |           | not have a conservation area appraisal; however development at this location may affect its special character. As such a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The potential significant negative effect is uncertain given that any impact upon local character will be dependent upon the specific design of the new development which is not yet known.  |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | --?       | The site contains a sizeable portion of the Canal SSSI. It is also located within 40m of Barn Pool Meadow (Cooks Lane grassland) Local Wildlife Site which is to the north. A Regionally Important Geological Site is also within 40m to the north of the site. The site is located on an area of land which has been identified as part of the countryside meaning it may have some further importance in terms of biodiversity. As such, development at this location may have negative impacts on local habitats and species and a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that any residential proposal which comes forward for this site may allow for sympathetic design and mitigation measures to be incorporated. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | --?       | The site is located within an area of the Borough that has been identified as countryside. The development of the site would result in the loss of a sizeable area (10.65ha) of greenfield land which may have negative impacts on the surrounding local landscape and a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that it will be influenced by the specific design of development which is not yet known.  |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | -         | The site is located on greenfield land, outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, residential development at this location has some potential to increase the Boroughs' vulnerability to flooding given that it would increase the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough, although not in the areas of highest flood risk. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will  |

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|  |           | have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                              | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                               | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts. | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.                  | +?        | The site is located within 300m of Wigston Thythorn Fields County Primary School which is to the north west. Therefore, a minor positive effect on this SA objective is predicted although this is uncertain depending on whether new school places could be associated with the development of this site and whether existing facilities have capacity to accept new pupils.   |

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| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population.                                | +?/-      | There are no identified employment areas within 800m of the site or any public transport nodes within 400m of the site. As such residents would not be provided with a high level of access to existing employment opportunities locally or further afield. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. The mixed use development which might come forward at this site however may provide support for appropriate employment uses for example through the delivery of new office space. As such a minor positive effect is also expected on this SA objective. The positive effect is uncertain dependent upon what type of development would be delivered as part of any new proposal which could forward. |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.  | --        | This site option is relatively large (10.65ha) and is located on greenfield land. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction   | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | +?        | The site is not located within 800m of a town, district or local centre and is not located within 400m of a public transport node. The provision of mixed use development in the Borough however is likely to result in new services and facilities being delivered in close proximity to new residential properties thereby improving their accessibility. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This positive effect is uncertain dependent upon what type of development will be included within any proposal which  |

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|  |           | might come at this location.  |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way. | ++        | A PRoW runs along the southern edge of the site. There are however no public transport nodes located within 400m of the site. Providing for mixed use development in the Borough is expected to help reduce the need to travel by private vehicle by encouraging the provision of new services and facilities in close proximity to residential development and therefore a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective. |

#### OWBC41: Land at Seven Oaks Farm, north of Newton Lane, Wigston (residential use)

| SA Objectives   | SA Scores | Justification  |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | ++        | This site option is relatively large (28.83ha) and as such it could potentially provide a high number of new homes to help meet local need over the plan period. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | +         | There is no GP surgery or health centre within 800m of this site. The site is located within 575m and 690m respectively of two areas which provide a park and recreation grounds by Kelmarsh Avenue and at Coombe park respectively. An area of natural greenspace is located within 390m of the site to the north. The site is also adjacent to a public right of way which runs along its north boundary. Development on this site is likely to have a minor positive effect overall in relation to this SA objective.   |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.   | +         | The site is located within 730m of Coombe Park Pavilion on Coombe Rise to the north east. As such the site provides a relatively good level of access to existing community and leisure facilities and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.  | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible. |

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| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | --?       | The site contains portions of two separate Areas of Archaeological Potential by its north western and western edge. Adopting a precautionary approach, a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective due to the potential adverse impacts on archaeological artefacts in the area. The negative effect is uncertain given that it may be possible to mitigate negative impacts on areas that are likely to contain buried archaeology by conducting excavations prior to development.   |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | --?       | The site contains the candidate Local Wildlife Site Severn Oaks Farm great crested newt ponds. Glen Gorse Golf Course Local Wildlife Site is located adjacent to the site to the north east. Newton Lane Meadows Local Wildlife Site is located within 255m of the site to the south west. The site is located on an area of land which has been identified as part of the countryside meaning it may have some further importance in terms of biodiversity. As such, development at this location may have negative impacts on local habitats and species and a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that any residential proposal which comes forward for this site may allow for sympathetic design and mitigation measures to be incorporated. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.   | --?       | This site option is relatively large (28.83ha), and is located mainly on greenfield land. It is also within an area of the Borough which has been identified as countryside. As such, development of residential properties at this location has the potential to negatively impact upon the landscape and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that it will be influenced by the specific   |

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|  |           | design of the development which is not yet known.  |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | -         | This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, residential development at this location has the potential to increase the Borough's vulnerability to flooding given that it would increase the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough, although not in the areas of highest flood risk. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.                                   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                       | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning   |

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|  |           | applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all other sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | ++?       | Brocks Hill Primary School on Howdon Road is located within 615m of the site to the north east. Gartree High School on Ridge Way is located to the north east of the site within 690m. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This is uncertain given that effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools to accommodate new pupils, which is not known. It may also be possible that new school places could be associated with the development of this site. |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | -         | The site is not located within 400m of any public transport nodes, or within 800m of any identified employment areas. Therefore, a minor negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.  |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | --        | This is a relatively large site (28.83ha) on greenfield land; therefore a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction  | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon   |

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|   |           | factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.                                     |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | --        | The site is not located within 800m of any town, district or local centres, or within 400m of any public transport nodes. A significant negative effect is therefore likely in relation to this SA objective.  |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | +         | The site is located within close proximity of a number of public rights of way. The closest PRoW runs along the northern edge of the site. There are however no public transport nodes within 400m of the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this objective. |

#### OWBC42: Land at Countesthorpe Road Sewage Treatment Works, South Wigston (residential use)

| SA Objectives   | SA Scores | Justification   |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | ++        | This site option is relatively large (23.13ha) and as such it could potentially provide a high number of new homes to help meet local need over the plan period. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | +/-       | There is no GP surgery or health centre within walking distance (800m) of this site. The site is however located within 730m of an outdoor sports facility to the north. The site is also adjacent to areas of land which have been identified as being within the countryside to the north and west, meaning local residents may be able to make use of these areas for outdoor activities. A PRoW runs along the southern edge of the site. The site itself is also within an area of land that has identified as countryside and also contains a PRoW. Development at this location therefore may limit access to the countryside and result in the loss of the use of this PRoW and therefore a mixed overall (minor positive/minor negative) effect is predicted on this SA objective. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure   | -?        | There are no community or leisure facilities within 800m of this site, with the closest being Blaby Road Park, which include a bowls green, approximately 955m to the north.  |

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| facilities.  |           | Therefore, a minor negative effect on this SA objective is predicted, although this is uncertain and depends on whether such facilities are to be provided as part of the new development.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible.  |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | --?       | The Grand Union Canal Conservation Area lies within 210m to the north east of the site. Little development exists between the site and the Conservation Area and the site currently contributes to the openness of the surrounding area. No Conservation Area Appraisal seems to have been completed for this Conservation Area. There are Leicestershire and Rutland HER points <sup>77</sup> to the north of the site within 75m and to the west of the site within 290m. A potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective due to the potential impact on the significance of the setting of the Grand Union Canal Conservation Area and the other identified historic features. This significant negative effect is uncertain however given that any effects will be |

<sup>77</sup> Leicestershire and Rutland HER points are "Possible Roman strap end from north of Pochins Bridge" and "Possible cropmarks south-west of Pochins Bridge"

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|  |           | dependent upon the design of development onsite which is unknown at this stage.   |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | --?       | The site is located in close proximity to a number of biodiversity sites and is also located within the area of the Borough which has been identified as countryside. River Sence floodplain Meadow candidate Local Wildlife Site is adjacent to the site to the north west. River Sence Floodplain grassland candidate Local Wildlife Site is located within 65m of the site to the east. To the north east of the site within 210m the Grand Union Canal has been designated as a Local Wildlife Site. Poplars, River Sence Local Wildlife Site is located within 420m of the site to the north. As such, development at this location has the potential to negatively impact upon locally important habitats and species. A potential significant negative effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that it may be possible to incorporate appropriate mitigation or even to promote local habitat connectivity through the sympathetic design of any new development. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | 0?        | This is a relatively large site (23.13ha) located mostly on brownfield land and contains a sewage treatment works. The redevelopment of the site is therefore less likely to impact on the surrounding landscape compared to development on a greenfield site. The site is not located within a green wedge. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain until the specific design of the development is known.   |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | 0         | This site is on mostly brownfield land and contains a sewage treatment works. Most of the site is also located outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b although it is recognised that portions of the site to the east and north east are within flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, residential development at this location is unlikely to increase the Borough's vulnerability to flooding and a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |

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| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                              | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                               | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts. | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.                  | -?        | The site is not within 800m of any primary schools, secondary schools or colleges. Therefore, a minor negative effect is predicted on this SA objective although this is uncertain depending on whether new school places could be associated with the development of this site and whether existing facilities have capacity to accept new pupils.   |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst  | ++        | The site is located within 350m of the nearest bus stop, which is to the west on Leicester Road, and this could provide access for residents to employment opportunities  |

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| providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population.  |           | further afield. The closest existing identified employment site is located within 785m to the north at Magna Road and Blaby Road. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely overall in relation to this SA objective.   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.  | ++        | This is a relatively large site (23.13ha) which is mostly brownfield land, containing a sewage treatment works. Therefore, a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction   | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | -         | The site is not located within 800m of any district, town or local centres (the closest centre is provided at Little Hill Shopping Parade, which is located within 1.10km to the north east of the site). The site is located within 350m of the closest bus stop, which is on Leicester Road. Therefore, a minor negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective overall.  |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | ++        | The site is located within close proximity of two bus stops to the west at Leicester Road. A bridleway and a footpath are also accessible adjacent to the site. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.   |

#### OWBC43: Land North of Newton Lane, combined with Seven Oaks Farm, Wigston (residential use)

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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | ++        | All housing site options would have positive effects on this SA objective due to the nature of the development proposed. This site option is relatively large (77.35ha); therefore it has the potential to make a substantial contribution to meeting local housing needs and a significant positive effect is expected.  |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | ++/-      | A health centre (Dr Husain & Partners) is located within 600m to the north of this site. In addition, a large area of natural green space is located adjacent to the site to the north at Brockshill Country Park. The boundaries of the country park contain a children's play space. A park and recreation ground is located within 320m of the site to the west by Meadow Way. Coombe Park is located within 325m of the site to the east. The nearest sport and recreation facility to the site is Brocks Hill Environment Centre which is to the north within 330m. A footpath is accessible at the western boundary of the site, although the use of this might be lost if development was to proceed. However, the site also partially lies within the area of the District which has been identified as the countryside meaning development at this location may result in loss of access to this asset. The significant positive effect expected on this SA objective is therefore likely to be combined with a minor negative effect. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.   | ++        | The site is located within 330m of Brocks Hill Environment Centre and Country Park to the north and Parklands Leisure Centre which is within 485m also to the north. Coombe Park Pavilion, is located to the east of the site within 565m. As such the site provides a good level of access to existing community and leisure facilities and a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.  | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible.  |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing          | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible  |

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| particularly on young, elderly and deprived people.                                   |           | effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.                         | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings. | --?       | The site is not located within close proximity of any Listed Buildings or Conservation Areas. The closest of such features are within 890m to the west at Spa Lane Conservation Area, but this is screened from the site by significant areas of existing development in Wigston. There are Leicestershire and Rutland HER points <sup>78</sup> and parts of two Areas of Archaeological Potential within the site. Adopting a precautionary approach a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective due to the potential adverse impacts on archaeological artefacts in the area. The negative effect is uncertain given that it may be possible to mitigate negative impacts on areas which are likely to contain buried archaeology.                                     |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.                                 | --?       | The site is located in close proximity to a number of biodiversity sites and is also located within the area of the Borough which has been identified as countryside. The site contains the candidate local Wildlife Sites Severn Oaks Farm great crested newt ponds. It is also located adjacent to Newton Lane Meadows Local Wildlife Site to the south west and adjacent to Glen Gorse Golf Course Local Wildlife Site to the east. The close proximity of this site means that there is potential for negative impacts on local habitats and species and a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that the design of the new development may allow for appropriate mitigation to be incorporated. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                    | --?       | This site option is relatively large (77.35ha), and is located mainly on greenfield land. It is also within an area of the Borough which has been identified as countryside and contains part of the Oadby and Wigston Green Wedge. As such, development of residential properties at this location has the potential to negatively impact upon the   |

<sup>78</sup> Leicestershire and Rutland HER points are "Medieval papal bull from north of Seven Oaks Farm", "Medieval finds from west of Seven Oaks Farm", "Prehistoric pottery from west of Seven Oaks Farm" and "Roman pottery found west of Seven Oaks Farm"

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|  |           | landscape and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that it will be influenced by the specific design of the development which is not yet known.  |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | -         | This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, residential development at this location has the potential to increase the Boroughs' vulnerability to flooding given that it would increase the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough, although not in the areas of highest flood risk. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution; however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.                                   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                       | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is   |

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|  |           | to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | ++?       | Glenmere County Primary School on Estoril Avenue is located within 205m of the site to the north west. Brocks Hill Primary School on Howden Road is located to the north east of the site within 340m. The closest secondary school to the site is located at Gartree High School on Ridgeway within 390m to the north east. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This is uncertain given that effects will depend on there being capacity at those schools to accommodate new pupils, which is not known. It may also be possible that new school places could be associated with the development of this site. |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | +         | The site is not located in close proximity to an identified employment area. There are a number of bus stops located within close proximity of the site to the west on Meadow Way the closest of which is within 100m. These public transport nodes may allow for access to employment opportunities further afield. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | --        | This site option is relatively large (77.35ha) and is located on mostly greenfield land. Therefore, a significant negative effect on this SA objective is likely.   |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction  | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as  |

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|   |           | kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | 0         | The site is within 800m of one local centre at Kelmarsh Avenue to the west. There are a number of bus stops located within close proximity of the site to the west on Meadow Way the closest of which is within 100m. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | ++        | There are a number of bus stops within 400m of the site, in addition to a PRow which is accessible by its western and eastern edges. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.   |

#### OWBC44: Land at Cottage Farm, south of the A6, Oadby (further extended site) (residential use and associated uses) - Allocated

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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | ++        | All housing site options would have positive effects on this SA objective due to the nature of the development proposed. This site option is relatively large (32.10ha); therefore a significant positive effect is expected.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | ++?/-     | There is no GP surgery or health centre within walking distance of this site. The site is however adjacent to Coombe Park recreation ground to the north and there is a children's play area within the boundaries of the recreation ground. An area of informal open space is located to the north of the site within 200m by Coombe Rise. Brockshill Country Park has been identified as an area of natural greenspace and is located within 310m of the site to the north west. The site is also adjacent to areas of land which have been identified as being within the countryside to the south and east meaning local residents may be able to make use of these areas for outdoor activities. PRows run along the southern edge and link to the north western corner of the site. Information from the Council suggests that associated uses which will be provided alongside the |

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|  |           | residential development at this location may include open space and therefore any positive effect in relation to health and well-being is likely to be enhanced. The site itself is also within the area of land which has identified as countryside and also contains a PRow, however. Development at this location therefore may limit access to the countryside and result in the loss of the use of this PRow and therefore a mixed overall (uncertain significant positive/minor negative) effect is predicted on this SA objective.                              |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.  | +         | The site is adjacent to Coombe Park Pavilion to the north, although there are no other community or leisure facilities within walking distance (800m). The likely effect on this SA objective is therefore minor positive.   |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible. |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic   | --?       | This site contains three Areas of Archaeological Potential and another Area of   |

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| environment, heritage assets and their settings.                   |           | Archaeological Potential is located within 170m to the south west. There are also six Leicestershire and Rutland HER points <sup>79</sup> within the site. The closest Listed Building to the site is located to the north east within 620m, however, this heritage asset is screened from the site by a substantial area of existing residential development. Adopting a precautionary approach a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective due to the potential adverse impacts on archaeological artefacts in the area. The negative effect is uncertain given that it may be possible to mitigate negative impacts on areas which are likely to contain buried archaeology, such as carrying out excavations prior to development.   |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.              | --?       | The site is located adjacent to the Glen Gorse Golf Course Local Wildlife Site to the south east. Seven Oaks Farm great crested newt ponds candidate Local Wildlife Site is also located within 270m of the site to the south west. Newton Lane Meadows Local Wildlife Site is located within 585m to the south west of the site. The close proximity of the site to these biodiversity and geodiversity features means that there is potential for negative impacts on local habitats and species and a potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. Given that any negative impacts on local biodiversity and geodiversity will be dependent upon the design of the new development and that there may be potential for improving habitat connectivity, this negative effect is uncertain. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape. | +?/--?    | This site option is relatively large (32.10ha), and is located on greenfield land. It is also within an area of the Borough which has been identified as countryside. As such, development of residential properties at this location has the potential to negatively impact upon the landscape and a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that it will be influenced by the specific design of the development which is not yet known. Information from the Council suggests that associated uses which will be provided alongside the residential development at this location may include open space and therefore the negative effect is expected in combination with a minor but uncertain positive effect.  |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and | -         | This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, residential development at this location has some potential to increase the Boroughs' vulnerability   |

<sup>79</sup> Leicestershire and Rutland HER points are "Roman finds from north-east of Seven Oaks Farm", "Prehistoric flint from field to south-west of Coombe Park", "Prehistoric flint from field to south-west of Coombe Park", "Post-medieval pottery from south-west of Coombe Park", "Prehistoric pottery found north-east of Seven Oaks Farm" and "Prehistoric flint from south-east of Beauchamp College"

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| reduce vulnerability to flooding.  |           | to flooding given that it would increase the area of impermeable surfaces. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. Information from the Council suggests that associated uses which will be provided alongside the residential development at this location may include open space and therefore the negative effect is uncertain.  |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants. | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.        | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.                     | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.         | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this |

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|  |           | SA objective.   |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | ++?       | Brocks Hill Primary School is located within 355m to the north of the site. Gartree High School and Beauchamp School and Community College are also located to the north of the site within 250m and 270m respectively. As such, a significant positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. This is uncertain given that effects will depend on there being capacity at that school to accommodate new pupils, which is not known. It may also be possible that new school places could be associated with the development of this site. |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | +         | The site is not located in close proximity to an identified employment area. Bus stops are located to the north of the site on Coombe Rise within 150m and 310m. Further bus stops can be accessed on Glen Road within 345m to the north east of the site. These public transport nodes may allow for access to employment opportunities further afield. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | --        | This site option is relatively large (32.10ha), and is located mainly on greenfield land. This means that development on this land is likely to have a significant negative effect on this SA objective.  |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction  | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the                              |

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|   |           | area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | 0         | The site is within 800m of one local centre at Glen Road – Highcroft Avenue to the north. There are a number of bus stops located within close proximity of the site to the north on Coombe Rise the closest of which is within 150m. Further bus stops can be accessed on Glen Road within 345m to the north east of the site. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | ++        | The site is located within walking distance of a number of public transport nodes as well as a PRow. The closest bus stop to the site is on Coombe Rise to the north within 150m and further bus stops are provided on Glen Road to the north east within 345m. PRows are accessible along the southern edge of the site and at the sites north eastern corner. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. |

#### OWBC45: 39 Long Street, Wigston (residential use) - Allocated

| SA Objectives   | SA Scores | Justification  |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | +         | All housing site options would have positive effects on this SA objective due to the nature of the development proposed. This site is relatively small (0.24ha). As such, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | ++        | The site is within easy walking distance to a GP Surgery (Dr A R Dayah & Partners), which is located within 25m of the site. There are a number of sport and recreation facilities within 800m of the site. These include two football pitch areas, a tennis court, a bowling green and an adventure play area within 600m of the site. The site is also within 400m a number of public footpaths the closest of which links to Long Street within 50m to the north. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.   | +         | Site is within 100m of Peace Memorial Park to the north-east. As such the site provides a relatively good level of access to existing community and leisure facilities and a minor positive effect is expected for this SA objective.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on  |

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| reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   |           | factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible.   |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | +?/--     | The site is within close proximity to a number of designated heritage assets. There are 14 listed buildings within 500m of the site. Two Grade II listed buildings, Avenue House and the United Reformed Church, are within 25m and 45m respectively. As such, residential development of this site could have negative effects on these nearby listed buildings. However, these effects are uncertain as the potential for negative or positive effects will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features. The site is also located within The Lanes Conservation area. Enhancement opportunities have also been identified in The Lane Conservation Area Appraisal and included among these are a need to take consideration of the redevelopment of the car park that forms part of this site. As such the development of this site presents an opportunity to address issues relating to the maintenance of the special character of the Conservation Area. In light of the above, a potential minor positive effect is likely to be combined with a significant negative effect. However, given that it would result in new development within the Conservation Area and considering this area's sensitivity to unsympathetic development, the effect is uncertain dependent upon the specific design of the scheme which is not |

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|  |           | known at this stage.   |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | -?        | The site is located within relatively close to biodiversity features. The Meadows Balancing Reservoir candidate Local Wildlife Site is located within 995m of the site to the south east. The relatively close proximity of this biodiversity site means that there is potential for detrimental impacts on local habitats during both the construction and operational phases. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is however uncertain given that the design of the development and potential incorporation of mitigation has not been established at this stage. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | 0?        | The site is relatively small (0.24ha) and located on brownfield land and as such its development for new dwellings is likely to have a minimal impact on the landscape. The site is not located on land which falls within the countryside of the Borough and is not located on land which makes up part of a green wedge. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain until the specific design of development is known.  |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | 0         | The site is located on brownfield land and is outside of flood zone 2 and flood zone 3. Development of this brownfield land would not result in an increase in the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough and therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.                                |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it  |

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| renewable energy resources.  |           | may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.   | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.     |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.                               | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all other sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | ++?       | The site is located in close proximity to a number of primary schools. All Saints Church of England Primary School on Long Street is located within 160m of the site to the north-west and Wigston Meadows Community Primary School on Meadow Way is located within 800m of the site to the north-east. The site is also within 800m of Wigston Academy and College on Station Road to the south-west. As such new residents would be provided with easy access to a primary and secondary school, as well as a sixth form college. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This is uncertain given that effects will depend on there being capacity at that school to accommodate new pupils, which is not known.. |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local | ++        | The site is located within 600m of identified employment land at North Street and Wakes Road Employment which is to the north. There are also a number of bus stops located within close proximity to the site. The closest bus stop is on Long Street which is within 200m to the north of the site. There is also a bus stop on Paddock Street  |

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| population.   |           | within 300m to the north-west of the site. As such new residents would be provided with existing employment opportunities with walking distance of the site and nearby public transport nodes may allow for access to employment opportunities further afield. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.  | +         | This is a relatively small site (0.24 ha) located on brownfield land. As such development at this location would be a more efficient use of land than development on greenfield sites and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction   | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | ++        | The site is located within Wigston Town Centre and is also within walking distance of three Local Centres. Kelmars Avenue Local Centre is located within 595m of the site to the east. Queens Drive Local Centre is located within 650m to the north west. Little Hill Shopping Parade Local centre is located within 800m to the south. There are a number of bus stops surrounding the site. The closest bus stop is on Long Street which is within 200m to the north of the site. There is also a bus stop on Paddock Street within 300m to the north-west of the site. Given that residents will have ease of access to the services and facilities provided at the nearby Town Centre and Local Centre as well as those further afield by modes of public transport a significant positive effect is predicted for this SA objective. |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of   | ++        | The site is located within walking distance of a number of public transport nodes and  |

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| public transport and public rights of way. |           | public rights of way. The closest bus stop is on Long Street which is within 200m to the north of the site. There is also a bus stop on Paddock Street within 300m to the north-west of the site. A public footpath is located to the south of the site along Bunt's Lane. Another footpath runs between Moat Street and Paddock Street to the east of the site. As such the site is considered to have good access to public rights of way and transport nodes and a significant positive effect is expected overall on this SA objective. |

#### OWBC46: 53-59 Queens Drive, Wigston (residential) - Allocated

| SA Objectives   | SA Scores | Justification  |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | +         | All housing site options would have positive effects on this SA objective due to the nature of the development proposed. This site is relatively small (0.01ha). As such a minor positive is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | ++        | The site is within easy walking distance to a GP Surgery (Dr Desor, Ravat and Shaffu), which is located within 200m of the site. There are a number of sport and recreation facilities within 800m of the site. These include two football pitch areas, a tennis court and a children's play space within 600m of the site to the north-east of the site. The site is also within 400m of a public footpath running between Central Avenue and Station Road. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.   | +         | Site is within 800m of Peace Memorial Park to the south-east of the site and within 520m of Wigston Swimming Pool south-west. As such the site provides a relatively good level of access to existing community and leisure facilities and a minor positive effect is expected for this SA objective.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.  | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible. |

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| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | -?        | The site is within close proximity to a number of designated heritage assets. The site is within 350m of the Grade II listed Bushlow House, within 500m of Midland Cottage Conservation Area and within 345m of The Lanes Conservation Area. As such the development of this site could have negative effects on these nearby designated heritage assets. However, these effects are uncertain as the potential for negative or positive effects will depend on the exact scale, design and layout of the new development and opportunities may exist to enhance the setting of heritage features. As such, a minor negative effect with uncertainty is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | -?        | The site is located within relatively close proximity to biodiversity features. Wigston Triangle Local Wildlife Site is located within 565m of the site, a portion of which is also a designated a Site of Importance to Nature Conservation (SINC). In addition, Landsdowne Grove Local Wildlife Site is also located within 950m to the south-west of the site, and Bushlow High School Ash Candidate Local Wildlife Site is located within 660m to the south of the site. The relatively close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features means that there is potential for detrimental impacts on local habitats during both the construction and operational phases. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is however uncertain given that the design of the development and potential incorporation of mitigation has not been established at this stage. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character   | 0?        | The site is relatively small (0.01ha) and located on brownfield land and as such its development for new dwellings is likely to have a minimal impact on the landscape. The  |

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| and quality of the landscape.  |           | site is not located on land which falls within the countryside of the Borough and is not located on land which makes up part of a green wedge. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain until the specific design of development is known.  |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | 0         | The site is located on brownfield land and is outside of flood zone 2 and flood zone 3. Development of this brownfield land would not result in an increase in the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough and therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.                                   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                       | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific  |

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|  |           | design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all other sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | ++?       | The site is located in close proximity to a number of primary schools. All Saints Church of England Primary School on Long Street is located within 600m of the site to east. The site is also within 500m of Wigston Academy and College on Station Road to the south of the site. As such new residents would be provided with easy access to a primary and secondary school, as well as a sixth form college. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This significant positive effect is recorded as uncertain as the impacts will depend on there being capacity at these schools to accommodate new pupils.   |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | ++        | The site is located within close proximity to a number of identified employment areas to the east of the site. These are Chartwell Drive Industrial Estate, Gloucester Crescent/Cornwall Road Industrial Estate and Magna Road/Blaby Road Employment Area. These are located within 225m, 629m, and 590m of the site respectively. There are also a number of bus stops located within close proximity to the site. The closest bus stop is on West Avenue which lies directly adjacent to the site. There are also bus stops located on Rolleston Road, Hulmden Avenue and Aylestone Lane which are located within 260m, 160m and 325m respectively. As such new residents would be provided with existing employment opportunities with walking distance of the site and nearby public transport nodes may allow for access to employment opportunities further afield. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | +         | This is a relatively small site (0.01ha) located on brownfield land. As such development at this location would be a more efficient use of land than development on greenfield sites and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 19. To promote and ensure high   | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy  |

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| standards of sustainable design and construction  |           | infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | +/-       | Wigston Town Centre is located within 615m of the site. In addition the site is located within Queens Drive Local Centre. There are a number of bus stops located within close proximity to the site. The closest bus stop is on West Avenue which lies directly adjacent to the site. There is also a bus stop located on Rolleston Road, Hulmden Avenue and Aylestone Lane which are located within 260m, 160m and 325m respectively. Given that residents will have ease of access to the services and facilities provided at the nearby Town Centre and Local Centre as well as those further afield by modes of public transport a minor positive effect is predicted for this SA objective. This minor positive effect is expected to be combined with a minor negative effect however given that the provision of new residential development within Queens Drive Local Centre may result in reduced access to local services and facilities. |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | ++        | The site is located within walking distance of a number of public transport nodes and public rights of way. There are a number of bus stops located within close proximity to the site. The closest bus stop is on West Avenue which lies directly adjacent to the site. There is also a bus stop located on Rolleston Road, Hulmden Avenue and Aylestone Lane which are located within 260m, 160m and 325m respectively. A public footpath is located to the east of the site between Station Road and Central Avenue within 450m of the site. As such the site is considered to have good access to public rights of way and transport nodes and a significant positive effect is expected overall on this SA objective.   |

**OWBC48: Nautical William, Aylestone Lane, Wigston (residential use) - Allocated**

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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.   | +         | All housing site options would have positive effects on this SA objective due to the nature of the development proposed. This site is relatively small (0.18ha). As such a minor positive is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services.  | ++        | The site is within easy walking distance to a GP Surgery (Dr Desor, Ravat and Shaffu), which is located within 650m of the site. There are a number of sport and recreation facilities within 800m of the site. These include two football pitch areas, a tennis court, and an adventure play area within 600m of the site. There is also a public footpath within 660m to the south-west of the site running between Central Avenue and Bushloe End. A minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.  |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.  | +         | Site is within 600m of Freers Park to the north-west of the site. As such the site provides a relatively good level of access to existing community and leisure facilities and a minor positive effect is expected for this SA objective.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible. |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will   |

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|  |           | have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.                | 0         | The site is more than 500m from any designated heritage asset and there no sites of archaeological potential within close proximity to the site. The closest heritage asset to the site is The Lanes Conservation Area which is located to the south east within 620m. The site is separated from this Conservation Area by a substantial amount of existing residential development at Holmden Avenue as well as by Aylestone Lane Park. As such, a negligible effect is expected on SA objective. However, the effect is uncertain as there is still more potential for impacts on non-designated heritage features and effects may extend beyond 500m in exceptional cases.                 |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | -?        | The site is located within relatively close to biodiversity features. The Wigston Triangle Local Wildlife Site is located within 760m to the south-west, a proportion of which is designated a Site of Importance to Nature Conservation (SINC). As such development at this location has the potential to detrimentally impact upon locally important habitats and their connectivity in particular. A potential minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that it may be possible through the sympathetic design of any new development to incorporate appropriate mitigation or even to promote local habitat connectivity. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | 0?        | The site is relatively small (0.18ha) and located on brownfield land and as such its development for new dwellings is likely to have a minimal impact on the landscape. The site is not located on land which falls within the countryside of the Borough and is not located on land which makes up part of a green wedge. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain until the specific design of development is known.  |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | 0         | The site is located on brownfield land and is outside of flood zone 2 and flood zone 3. Development of this brownfield land would not result in an increase in the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough and therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment   |

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|  |           | on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                              | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                               | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts. | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all other sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.                  | +?        | The site is located in close proximity to a number of primary schools. Water Leys County Primary School is located within 400m to the north of the site. Additionally, All Saints Church of England Primary School on Long Street is located within 800m of the site to the south-east. As such although new residents would be provided with easy  |

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|  |           | access to a primary schools new residential development at this location would not be within close proximity of a secondary school. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This minor positive effect is recorded as uncertain as the impacts will depend on there being capacity at these schools to accommodate new pupils.   |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | ++        | The site is located within 270m of Chartwell drive Industrial Estate to the west. There are also a number of bus stops located within close proximity to the site. The closest bus stop is Rolleston Road which is directly adjacent to the site. There is also a bus stop on Aylestone Lane within 75m to the north-west of the site. As such new residents would be provided with existing employment opportunities with walking distance of the site and nearby public transport nodes may allow for access to employment opportunities further afield. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | +         | This is a relatively small site (0.18ha) located on brownfield land. As such development at this location would be a more efficient use of land than development on greenfield sites and a minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction  | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people,  | +         | The site is located within walking distance of two Local Centres. Queens Drive Local Centre is within 410m to the south-east of the site. Leicester Road Local Centre is   |

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| elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. |           | located within 800m to the north-east of the site. There are also a number of bus stops located within close proximity to the site. The closest bus stop is Rolleston Road which is directly adjacent to the site. There is also a bus stop on Aylestone Lane within 75m to the north-west of the site. Given that residents will have ease of access to the services and facilities provided at the nearby Centres as well as those further afield by modes of public transport a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.                    |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.                        | +         | The site is located within walking distance of a number of public transport nodes. There are a number of bus stops located within close proximity to the site. The closest bus stop is Rolleston Road which is directly adjacent to the site. There is also a bus stop on Aylestone Lane within 75m to the north-west of the site. The closest public right of way to the site is a footpath which is located within 660m to the south-west running between Central Avenue and Bushloe End. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. |

## Employment site options

### OWBC10: Oadby Sewerage Treatment Works, off Wigston Road, Oadby (employment use) - Allocated

| SA Objectives  | SA Scores | Justification   |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services. | 0         | As this site is an option for employment development, it will not contribute to the amount of housing provided to meet local needs. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. |

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| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services.  | +         | Although there are no public rights of way within 400m of the site, Iliffe Avenue Park is located within 165m east of this site and contains two children and young people's areas (although these are unlikely to be used by employees at the site). In addition, Brockshill Country Park is within 290m to the south east and a Park and Recreation Ground on Brabazon Road is located within 500m to north east, which contains two outdoor sport pitches and a children and young people's area. Wigston Road Allotments are also located within 180m to the south of the site. Despite the lack of access to nearby public rights of way, the close proximity of these open spaces may encourage employees at the site to make use of these facilities during their breaks and after working hours. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.  | +         | There are a number of community and leisure facilities located within walking distance of this site. Located within 430m to the south east of the site is Parklands Leisure Centre, while Brocks Hill Environment Centre and Country Park can be found within 615m of the site also to the south east. Walter Charles Day Centre lies within 735m to the east, while Ellis Park Pavilion is located within 555m to the north east. This may enable employees at the site to make use of these facilities during their breaks and after working hours and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the impacts of all of the potential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.  |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and   | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction   |

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| create cohesive communities.  |           | opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings. | +?/-?     | An Area of Archaeological Potential is located within 455m to the south east of this site. Oadby Court Conservation Area is located within 620m of the site to the north east. The site currently contains a sewage treatment works and as such the provision of a high quality employment development at this location may have a minor positive effect by enhancing the setting of these heritage assets. The Oadby Court Conservation Area Appraisal and Development Control Guidance (2007) does not specially address the site or the area around the site and given the distance of the site from the heritage assets identified and the existing development between the site and these assets (specifically at Iliffe Avenue and Brabazon Road) any negative effects expected on their respective settings are likely to be minor. Both the positive and negative effects identified are uncertain given that they will be dependent upon the specific design of the development which is unknown at this stage. |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.                                 | -?        | The site is located in relatively close proximity to a number of biodiversity sites. A potential Local Wildlife Site is located within 465m of the site to the south east. The site is also located within close proximity of Brock's hill mature trees candidate Local Wildlife Site which is to the south east within 440m. Lucas Marsh Local Nature Reserve is located within 610m of the site to the south east. As such development at this location has the potential to detrimentally impact upon locally important biodiversity and a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that it may be possible through the sympathetic design of any new development to incorporate appropriate mitigation or even to promote local habitat connectivity.   |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                    | 0?        | The site is relatively large (2.63ha) but is located on brownfield land as it is currently developed as part of a sewage works. As development on this site would make use of previously developed land it is expected to have a negligible effect on this SA objective. The negligible effect on the landscape is, however, currently uncertain given that it will be influenced by the specific design of development.   |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and                    | 0         | The site is on brownfield land, mainly outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. There is a small area comprising flood zones 2 and 3 within the south west corner of the site,   |

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| reduce vulnerability to flooding.  |           | although this area is only a small portion of the overall site. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.                       | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                              | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution; however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location and all sites will therefore have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                               | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The likely effects of development sites in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts. | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all of the site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |

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| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | ++?       | The effects of new commercial development in any location on this objective are likely to be positive as it should result in improved opportunities for work-based training and skills development. This is a relatively large site (2.63ha) and because larger sites are likely to offer opportunities for higher numbers of people, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is uncertain, however, given that it will depend upon the type of training opportunities which may be on offer at this site which is unknown at this stage.   |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | ++        | The provision of new commercial sites in any location is likely to have a positive effect on this objective by ensuring that new job opportunities are provided to match local population growth. Given that this is a relatively large site (2.63ha) with the potential to provide a high number of jobs, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | ++        | This is a relatively large site (2.63ha) and is located on brownfield land. As such, development at this location would involve the use of a large amount of previously developed land and a significant positive effect is likely.  |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction  | 0         | Specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater impact upon this objective at the application stage and therefore all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for     | +         | The site is located within 350m of the local centre at Brabazon Road in Oadby. As such, employees at this site would be within reasonable walking distance of services and facilities at this location for use during breaks as well as before and after work. A minor   |

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| everyday needs in each settlement.   |           | positive effect is therefore predicted in relation to this SA objective.   |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way. | +         | While the site is not located within 400m of any public rights of way, four bus stops are located to the east and south east within walking distance. Two of these bus stops are located at Brabazon Road by Cartwright Drive within 345m and 370m respectively and two further bus stops are located at Wigston Road within 310m and 375m respectively. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. |

### OWBC11: Land off Magna Road, South Wigston (Local Plan Allocation 1999 (Em6)) (employment use) - Allocated

| SA Objectives   | SA Scores | Justification  |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | 0         | As this site is an option for employment development, it will not contribute to the amount of housing provided to meet local needs. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | ++        | There are four outdoor sport pitches located within 500m to the west of the site, as well as four children and young people's areas (although these are unlikely to be used by employees at an employment site). A footpath is also approximately 300m to the south of the site and there is a bridleway approximately 400m to the west. The close proximity of these features may encourage employees at the site to make use of these facilities during their breaks and after working hours. A very small portion of the site to the east falls within an area of the Borough which has been identified as countryside; however it is not expected that development of this small area would impact upon access to the countryside. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.   | +         | Blaby Road Park is located approximately 350m to the west of the site and Wigston Swimming Pool is situated within 400m to the north east. This may enable employees at the site to make use of these facilities during their breaks and after working hours and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.  | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on  |

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|  |           | perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the impacts of all of the potential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.  |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | -?        | South Wigston Conservation Area lies approximately 275m to the west of the site and Grand Union Canal Conservation Area is situated within 175m to the south. Additionally, Midland Cottages Conservation Area is located within 400m to the north of the site and there is an Area of Archaeological Potential within 465m to the south west. The site is screened from these Conservation Areas by existing residential development at Taylor's Bridge Road to the south and Tansley Avenue to the west and by existing employment development to the north at Magna Road. The South Wigston Conservation Area Appraisal (2006) has identified a number of enhancement opportunities; however the site is not within any of these areas. Overall, a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain given that any effect on the built environment will be dependent upon the specific design of new development which is unknown at this stage. |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | --?       | The site is located in close proximity to a number of biodiversity sites and is also partially located within the area of the Borough which has been identified as countryside, although this is a very small part of the site. The Local Wildlife Site designated due to the Rough Grassland at Landsdowne Grove in South Wigston is adjacent to the site to the south east. Grand Union Canal Local Wildlife Site is also  |

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|  |           | located within 255m of the site to the south west. As such, development at this location has the potential to detrimentally impact upon locally important habitats and their connectivity. A potential significant negative effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that it may be possible through the sympathetic design of any new development to incorporate appropriate mitigation or even to promote local habitat connectivity.   |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | -?        | The portion of the site which is located within the area of the Borough identified as countryside is quite small. In addition, although the entire site is located on greenfield land, the site is relatively small in size (0.75ha). As such, development of the site would involve the use of a small area of previously undeveloped land and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect on the landscape is uncertain given that it will be influenced by the specific design of development which is not yet known.                    |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | -         | The site is on greenfield land outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, commercial development at this location has some potential to increase the Boroughs' vulnerability to flooding given that it would increase the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough, although not in the areas of highest flood risk. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution; however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.                                   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is  |

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|  |           | assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location and all sites will therefore have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.   | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The likely effects of development sites in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all of the site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | +?        | The effects of new commercial development in any location on this objective are likely to be positive as it should result in improved opportunities for work-based training and skills development. This is a relatively small site (0.75ha); therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that it will depend upon the type of training opportunities which may be on offer at this site which is unknown at this stage.  |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | +         | The allocation of new commercial sites in any location is likely to have a positive effect on this objective by ensuring that new job opportunities are provided to match local population growth. Given that this is a relatively small site (0.75ha) with the potential to provide fewer jobs than a larger site, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | -         | This is a relatively small site (0.75ha) located on greenfield land. As such development at this location would involve the use of a small amount of previously undeveloped land and a minor negative effect is likely.   |

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| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction   | 0         | Specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater impact upon this objective at the application stage and therefore all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | +         | Little Hill Shopping Parade (a local centre) is located approximately 800m to the east of the site and South Wigston Town Centre is within 500m to the west. As such, employees at this site would be within reasonable walking distance of services and facilities at these locations for use during breaks as well as before and after work. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.  |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | ++        | The site is located within 200m of a bus stop to the south west and there are two others within 400m to the north west. There is also a footpath within 300m to the south and a bridleway approximately 400m to the west. A significant positive effect is therefore predicted on this SA objective.   |

## Health centre site options

### OWBC14: Land at Bennett Way, South Wigston (health centre use)

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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.  | 0         | As this site is an option for the development of a health centre, it will not contribute to the amount of housing provided to meet local needs. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services.                           | ++        | The development of a health centre at this location would provide healthcare facilities in very close proximity to a number of existing nearby residential properties. The properties at Bennett Way would be located in particularly close proximity of this new development given that they are adjacent to the site to the south. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective as the provision of this facility in an area which will be accessible for a high number of residents may significantly benefit healthcare in the Borough.          |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.   | 0         | The provision of a new health centre at this location is not likely to impact upon access to community facilities in the Borough and therefore a negligible effect is recorded for this SA objective.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.  | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible. |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |

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| deprived people.   |           |  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.                | +?/-?     | The site is directly adjacent to South Wigston Conservation Area at the western boundary. In addition, Midland Cottages Conservation Area is within 400m to the east. The South Wigston Conservation Area Appraisal has identified a number of areas which are presented as potential redevelopment sites. One of these areas at Station Street is located adjacent to the site and therefore new development which is consistent with that at the potential redevelopment site within the Conservation Area may potentially strengthen the character of the area surrounding the Conservation Area and as such it's setting. The site is located in very close proximity to this Conservation Area; however its small size (0.13ha) means that the potential for a negative effect on the built environment at this location is likely to be minor. Both effects identified in relation to this SA objective are uncertain as they will be dependent upon the design of any scheme proposed which is unknown at this stage. |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | --?       | The site is located within very close proximity (40m) of Wigston Triangle Local Wildlife Site to the north. The close proximity of this site means that there is potential for detrimental impacts on local habitats and species. A potential significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective although this is currently uncertain given that the design of the new development may allow for appropriate mitigation to be incorporated.  |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | 0?        | The site is located on brownfield land which has already been developed as part of a car parking facility. Therefore, a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective although this is uncertain until the specific design of development is known.   |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | 0         | This site is on brownfield land outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, the development of a health centre at this location would not increase the Boroughs' vulnerability to flooding and a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.   |

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| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.                       | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                              | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution; however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                               | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts. | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |

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| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.   | 0         | The provision of a new health centre in the Borough is not expected to influence young people's access to education opportunities in Oadby and Wigston. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population.                                | 0         | The provision of a new health centre in the Borough is not expected to influence resident's access to employment opportunities in Oadby and Wigston. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.  | +         | This site option is relatively small (0.13ha) and is located on brownfield land. Therefore, a minor positive effect on this SA objective is likely.  |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction   | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | +         | There are a number of bus stops within 400m of the site which would allow residents to access the new health centre from further afield by modes of transport other than the private car. The closest bus stops are located at Blaby Road opposite Lansdowne Grove to the south east of the site within 170m and at Blaby Road by Lansdowne Grove to the south of the site within 175m. The site also provides access to a public right of way within 200m to the south west at the bridleway by Blaby Road which would allow residents to access the health centre on foot. Overall a significant positive effect is  |

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|  |           | therefore likely on this SA objective.   |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way. | +         | There are a number of bus stops within 400m of the site, in addition to a bridleway within 200m to the south. As such, people travelling to a health centre in this location should be able to make use of existing bus services and active modes of transport and a positive effect is expected on this SA objective. This is expected to be minor rather than significant as the number of people travelling to and from the health centre would be quite limited. |

### OWBC20: Former Oadby Swimming Pool site, Oadby (health centre)

| SA Objectives   | SA Scores | Justification  |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | 0         | As this site is an option for a health centre, it will not contribute to the amount of housing provided to meet local needs. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | ++        | This site option would involve the provision of a new health centre which would directly benefit the health of the local population. The new health centre would be particularly accessible to those residential properties which are located in close proximity to the site - the site is adjacent to existing residential properties on Leicester Road to the north, on Sandhurst Street to the east, on Primrose Hill to the south and on Brabazon Road to the west. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.                        |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.   | 0         | As this site is an option for a health centre, it will not provide additional facilities which would help to perform a community or leisure function. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.  | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible. |

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| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | +?/--?    | Oadby Court Conservation Area is within approximately 85m to the north west and London Road and St Peters Conservation Area is within 365m to the south east. Oadby Hill Top Conservation Area is located within 310m of the site to the north west. In addition, a Grade II listed building (21 Church Street) is located within approximately 405m of the site to the south east. The former swimming pool is recognised in the Oadby Court Conservation Area Appraisal and Development Control Guidance (2007) as part of the setting of this heritage asset. As such development at this location could impact upon the Conservation Area's setting either positively or negatively, depending on design. |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | -?        | The site is located within 530m of Blackthorn Manor Pond Local Wildlife Site to the north east. The site is also located within 685m of Race Course Meadow Local Wildlife Site which is to the north west. As such the relatively close proximity of the site to these areas has the potential to adversely impact upon local habitats and species and a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that any residential proposal which comes forward for this site may allow for sympathetic design and mitigation measures to be incorporated.  |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.   | 0?        | The site is located on brownfield land which is not within the countryside or a green wedge. As such development at this location is unlikely to adversely impact on the local landscape and a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that it will be influenced by the specific design of development which is  |

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|  |           | not yet known.  |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | 0         | The site is on brownfield land outside of flood zones 2 and 3. A negligible effect is therefore likely in relation to this SA objective.  |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.                                   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                       | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this |

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|  |           | SA objective.  |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | 0         | As this site is an option for a health centre, it will not provide additional educational facilities in the Borough. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | 0         | As this site is an option for a health centre, it is not expected to provide opportunities for a significant increase in local employment provision. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | +         | This is a relatively small site option (0.26ha) and is located on brownfield land. For these reasons, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction  | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for  | +         | There are nine bus stops within 800m of the site. As such the provision of a health  |

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| those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. |           | centre at this location may allow residents to access the facility by public transport and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | +         | The site is located within 400m of nine bus stops, and there is a public right of way 400m to the south. The close proximity of these sustainable transport links and the identified public right of way may encourage users of the health centre to make use of sustainable modes of transport and more active methods of travel to access the facility. A positive effect is therefore predicted for this SA objective although the relatively small number of journeys that would be made to and from the health centre mean that this is expected to be minor. |

#### OWBC25: Land to the rear of Spire Hospital, Gartree Road, Oadby (hospital extension)

| SA Objectives   | SA Scores | Justification   |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.                  | 0         | As this site is an option for the development of an extension to the hospital, it will not contribute to the provision of housing provided to meet local needs. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services. | ++        | The development of an extension to the hospital at this location would provide further healthcare facilities in very close proximity to a number of existing nearby residential properties. Those properties at Gartree Road to the west and The Broadway to the south west would be located in particularly close proximity of this new development given that they are adjacent to the site. A significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective as the extension of the hospital would directly benefit local healthcare provision. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.   | 0         | The provision of an extension to the hospital at this location is not likely to impact upon access to community facilities in the Borough and therefore a negligible effect is recorded for this SA objective.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and   | 0         | The impacts of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within the development sites which,  |

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| the fear of crime.   |           | depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the effects of all of the site options on this SA objective will be negligible.  |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The location of new development will affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The location of new development will affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | 0?        | An Area of Archaeological Potential exists within 240m to the east of the site and an additional Area of Archaeological Potential is located within 115m of the site to the south. Additionally, three listed buildings are located within 490m to the north east: Lodge Cottage, Grange Cottage and South Lodge. Oadby Hill Top Conservation Area is also located within 235m to the south west. All of the identified areas of historic importance which are located in relatively close proximity of the site are screened from it by existing features. Oadby Hill Top Conservation Area is screened by residential properties at The Fairway while a significant number of mature trees screen the Listed Buildings which are to the east of the site. It is also expected that the nearby Area of Archaeological Potential is located at such a distance from the site to limit the potential for negative effects on archaeological assets which might be buried at this location. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. This negligible effect is uncertain given that the design of residential development proposed for the site may influence any potential impact on the historic environment. |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | --?       | The site is located in close proximity to a number of biodiversity sites. Leicestershire Golf Course and adjacent sites Local Wildlife Site is located within 30m of the site to the   |

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|  |           | north. Stackyard Spinney Local Wildlife Site is located within 100m of the site to the east, and Roadside near Stoughton Farm Park Local Wildlife Site is located within 455m of the site also to the east. As such development at this location has the potential to detrimentally impact upon locally important habitats and their connectivity. A potential significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This negative effect is uncertain given that it may be possible through the sympathetic design of any new development to incorporate appropriate mitigation or even to promote local habitat connectivity. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | --?       | The site is relatively large (2.36ha) and located on greenfield land and as such its development for an extension to the hospital is likely to impact on the landscape. The site also lies partly within the Oadby, Thurnby and Stoughton Green Wedge and therefore the development of this area could potentially contribute to the coalescence of settlements. A potential significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This expected negative effect on the landscape is uncertain until the specific design of development is known.   |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | -         | This site is on greenfield land outside of flood zones 2, 3a and 3b. As such, residential development at this location has some potential to increase the Boroughs' vulnerability to flooding given that it would increase the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough, although not in the areas of highest flood risk. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | All new development will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution, however the Council will ensure that the impacts will be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |

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| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.   | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in energy consumption, it may offer good opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation and it is assumed that new development will be built to standards of energy efficiency required under the Building Regulations. However, the impacts of new development on efficient energy consumption will not be determined by its location. Effects of development cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites. Therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.   | 0         | Whilst new development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions (both through emissions from buildings and the increased vehicle traffic associated with growth), the location of individual development sites will not have a direct effect on the causes of climate change. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21; therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | 0         | The provision of a new health centre in the Borough is not expected to influence young people's access to education opportunities in Oadby and Wigston. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | 0         | The provision of an extension to the hospital in the Borough is not expected to influence resident's access to employment opportunities in Oadby and Wigston. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing   | --        | This site option is relatively large (2.36ha) and is located on greenfield land. As the use of this previously undeveloped land is seen as less efficient than making use of brownfield sites which have previously been developed a significant negative effect is   |

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| infrastructure.   |           | expected on this SA objective.   |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction   | 0         | The specific design and construction methods used and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the development will not be known until planning applications come forward. The impacts of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater effect on this objective at the application stage and therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices such as kerbside collections from domestic properties. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | +         | There are two bus stops within 400m of the southern boundary of the site. As people may therefore be able to make use of sustainable transport links to access the hospital a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | ++        | There are two bus stops within 400m walking distance of the site, along with a footpath to the east. As such, the hospital extension at this location may allow residents of the Borough to make use of sustainable transport nodes and more active modes of transport to access it. A significant positive effect is therefore predicted for this SA objective.   |

## Cemetery site options

### OWBC35: Land south of Wigston Cemetery, Wigston (cemetery use)

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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.   | 0         | As this site is an option for cemetery use, it will not contribute to the amount of housing provided to meet local needs. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services.  | +         | Cemetery sites are expected to provide for very limited opportunities for recreation locally however these sites may provide residents with improved areas for walking. In addition, there will be general health and wellbeing benefits associated with the provision of cemetery facilities to meet local needs. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.  | +         | The provision of new cemeteries in the Borough is likely to facilitate specific types of community activities and gatherings locally and therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new cemetery sites on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the design and the use of appropriate lighting, which could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of cemetery sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the impacts of all of the potential cemetery sites on this SA objective will be negligible. |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The allocation of new cemetery sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and   | 0         | The allocation of new cemetery sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |

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| create cohesive communities.   |           |   |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.                | -?        | The site is located within an Area of Archaeological Potential; therefore the use of this site as a cemetery could have a negative impact. The negative effect is minor given that the development for a cemetery site is not expected to involve extensive built development and the negative effect is uncertain given that it may be possible to mitigate negative impacts.  |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | +?/-?     | The site is located within relatively close proximity of a number of biodiversity features. Foston Gate Meadow Local Wildlife Site is located within 135m of the site to the west. Barn Pool Meadow (Cooks Lane grassland) Local Wildlife Site is located to the south east of the site within 270m and Cooks Lane Pasture candidate Local Wildlife Site is located to the south east of the site within 345m. The closest Regionally Important Geological Site is located within 505m of the site to the south east. The close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features means that there is potential for detrimental impacts on local habitats as a result of nearby development, particularly during the construction phase, although disturbance during the operational phase of a cemetery site is less likely. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is however uncertain given that the design of the development and potential incorporation of mitigation has not been established at this stage. Given the open nature of this type of development an uncertain minor positive effect is also expected on this SA objective as it may allow for increased habitat connectivity in the Borough. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | 0?        | The site is relatively large (1.28ha) and located on greenfield land. Given the open nature of the proposed development, which may also allow for appropriate mitigation measures and improved local landscaping, a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as effects on the landscape of the Borough will be unknown until the specific design of development is confirmed.   |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | 0         | The site is located on greenfield land and is outside of flood zone 2 and flood zone 3. Given the open nature of the development proposed at this location it is not expected to result in an increase in the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough and therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related                           | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle   |

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| pollutants.  |           | traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites and the impacts of a cemetery site in this sense are likely to be minimal. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all cemetery site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.  | 0         | Cemetery development in the Borough is unlikely to result an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.   | 0         | Cemetery development in the Borough is unlikely to result a notable increase in local energy use and is not expected to offer opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.   | 0         | The location of new cemeteries in the Borough is unlikely to result an increase in local greenhouse gas emissions. The siting of this type of development may increase emissions from those travelling to these new sites; however the likely effects of development sites in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21, therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all of the site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | 0         | The provision of cemetery sites in the Borough is not likely to impact upon local training and education opportunities. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | 0         | The provision of cemetery sites in the Borough is not likely to impact upon local employment opportunities. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously  | 0         | New cemetery site options are not expected to offer opportunities for reusing existing  |

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| developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.  |           | sites and buildings. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective for all cemetery site options.   |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction   | 0         | Specific design and construction methods used for any built development onsite will not be known until planning applications come forward and it is not expected that cemetery sites will offer the opportunity for incorporating renewable energy generation onsite. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective for all cemetery site options.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices, and waste generation from a cemetery site would be minimal. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | 0         | The location of cemetery sites in the Borough is not likely to impact upon the number of local services and access to these services. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | ++        | The site is located within 345m of the nearest public right of way which is located at the footpath by Heards Close to the north east. There are also a number of public transport nodes located in close proximity of the site. Bus stops can be accessed at Foston Gate (opposite Lime Kilns) within 125m to the east of the site, at Foston Gate (adjacent to Lime Kilns) within 150m to the east of the site and at Welford Road within 165m of the site to north. Given that these links may allow residents of the Borough to access this cemetery site by more sustainable and active modes of transport a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.            |

### OWBC36: Land south of Gartree Road, (opposite Gaulby Road) (cemetery use) - Allocated

| SA Objectives | SA Scores | Justification |
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| SA Objectives  | SA Scores | Justification   |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.   | 0         | As this site is an option for cemetery use, it will not contribute to the amount of housing provided to meet local needs. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services.  | +/-?      | Cemetery sites are expected to provide for very limited opportunities for recreation locally; however these sites may provide residents with improved areas for walking. In addition, there will be general health and wellbeing benefits associated with the provision of cemetery facilities to meet local needs. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. This minor positive effect is combined with a potential minor negative effect given that use of the footpath which runs into the site may be lost as a result of this development. The minor negative effect is uncertain as it may be possible to incorporate the footpath into the new development dependent upon the design of the scheme. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.  | +         | The provision of new cemeteries in the Borough is likely to facilitate specific types of community activities and gatherings locally and therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new cemetery sites on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the design and the use of appropriate lighting, which could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of cemetery sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the impacts of all of the potential cemetery sites on this SA objective will be negligible.   |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The allocation of new cemetery sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective   |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The allocation of new cemetery sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective .   |

| SA Objectives  | SA Scores | Justification  |
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| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.                | -?        | The site contains part of an Area of Archaeological Potential towards the north. Additional Areas of Archaeological Potential are located to the north of the site within 15m and 25m respectively. The nearest Listed Building to the site is South Lodge (Grade II) which is located within 415m to the north east. Given that the use of this site as a cemetery may have negative impacts on areas within the site which may contain buried archaeology, a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is minor given that the use of the site for a cemetery is not expected to involve extensive built development. The negative effect is uncertain given that it be possible to mitigate negative impacts.   |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | +?/-?     | The site is located within close proximity of a number of biodiversity features. Gartree Road mature trees candidate Local Wildlife Site is located within the site towards its northern edge. Mature pedunculate oak potential Local Wildlife Site is located to the east of the site within 85m and Roadside near Stoughton Farm Park Local Wildlife Site is located to the north west of the site within 165m. The close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features means that there is potential for detrimental impacts on local habitats during any construction phase which is required in particular. It is, however, recognised that disturbance during the operational phase of a cemetery site is less likely. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is, however, uncertain given that the design of the development and potential incorporation of mitigation has not been established at this stage. Given the open nature of this type of development an uncertain minor positive effect is also expected on this SA objective as it may allow for increased habitat connectivity in the Borough. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | 0?        | The site is relatively large (14.82ha) and is located on greenfield land. The site is also located within the Oadby, Thurnby and Stoughton Green Wedge, although the open nature of a cemetery site means that the use of the site is not expected to result in increased coalescence of settlements. Therefore, a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as effects on the landscape of the Borough will be to some extent unknown until the specific details of the proposal are confirmed.   |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | 0         | The site is located on greenfield land and is outside of flood zone 2 and flood zone 3. Given the open nature of the development proposed at this location it is not expected to result in a significant increase in the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough and therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.   |

| SA Objectives  | SA Scores | Justification   |
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| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.   | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment on the basis of the location of individual development sites and the impacts of a cemetery site in this sense are likely to be minimal. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all cemetery site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.  | 0         | Cemetery development in the Borough is unlikely to result an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.   | 0         | Cemetery development in the Borough is unlikely to result a notable increase in local energy use and is not expected to offer opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.   | 0         | The location of new cemeteries in the Borough is unlikely to result an increase in local greenhouse gas emissions. The siting of this type of development may increase emissions from those travelling to these new sites; however the likely effects of development sites in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21, therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.                               | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all of the site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | 0         | The provision of cemetery sites in the Borough is not likely to impact upon local training and education opportunities. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local | 0         | The provision of cemetery sites in the Borough is not likely to impact upon local employment opportunities. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |

| SA Objectives   | SA Scores | Justification   |
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| population.   |           |   |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.  | 0         | New cemetery site options are not expected to offer opportunities for reusing existing sites and buildings. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective for all cemetery site options.   |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction   | 0         | Specific design and construction methods used for any built development onsite will not be known until planning applications come forward and it is not expected that cemetery sites will offer the opportunity for incorporating renewable energy generation onsite. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective for all cemetery site options.   |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices and waste generation from a cemetery site would be minimal. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | 0         | The provision of cemetery sites in the Borough is not likely to impact upon the number of local services and access to these services. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | ++        | A footpath runs into the site and bus stops are located within close proximity of the site to the south on Severn Road (within 225m) and Copse Close (within 270m). Given that these links may allow residents of the Borough to access this site by more sustainable and active modes of transport, a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.  |

**OWBC37: Land south of Gartree Road, north-east of Oadby (cemetery use) - Allocated**

| SA Objectives | SA Scores | Justification |
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| SA Objectives  | SA Scores | Justification   |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.   | 0         | As this site is an option for cemetery use, it will not contribute to the amount of housing provided to meet local needs. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services.  | +         | Cemetery sites are expected to provide for very limited opportunities for recreation; however these sites may provide residents with improved areas for walking. In addition, there will be general health and wellbeing benefits associated with the provision of cemetery facilities to meet local needs. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.  | +         | The provision of new cemeteries in the Borough is likely to facilitate specific types of community activities and gatherings locally and therefore a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.  |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | The impacts of new cemetery sites on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the design and the use of appropriate lighting, which could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of cemetery sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site) and so the impacts of all of the potential cemetery sites on this SA objective will be negligible. |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | The allocation of new cemetery sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.  | 0         | The allocation of new cemetery sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.  | -?        | The site contains part of an Area of Archaeological Potential towards the north. Additional Areas of Archaeological Potential are located to the north and north west of the site within 15m and 90m respectively. Given that the use of this site as a cemetery may have negative impacts on areas within the site which could contain buried  |

| SA Objectives  | SA Scores | Justification  |
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|  |           | archaeology, a potential negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The negative effect is minor given that the use of the site for a cemetery is not expected to involve extensive built development. The negative effect is uncertain given that it be possible to mitigate negative impacts.   |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.  | +?/-?     | The site is located within close proximity of a number of biodiversity features. Gartree Road mature trees candidate Local Wildlife Site is located partially within the site towards its north western corner. Mature pedunculate oak potential Local Wildlife Site is located to the east of the site within 85m and Roadside near Stoughton Farm Park Local Wildlife Site is located to the north west of the site within 385m. The close proximity of the site to these biodiversity features means that there is potential for detrimental impacts on local habitats during any construction phase which is required in particular. It is, however, recognised that disturbance during the operational phase of a cemetery site is less likely compared to other types of development. As such a potential minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that the design of the development and potential incorporation of mitigation has not been established at this stage. Given the open nature of this type of development an uncertain minor positive effect is also expected on this SA objective as it may allow for increased habitat connectivity in the Borough. |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | 0?        | The site is relatively large (2.42ha) and located on greenfield land. The site is also located within the Oadby, Thurnby and Stoughton Green Wedge; however given the open nature of the proposed site use, it is unlikely to result in increased coalescence of local settlements therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as effects on the landscape of the Borough will be unknown until the specific design of development is confirmed.   |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | 0         | The site is located on greenfield land and is outside of flood zone 2 and flood zone 3. Given the open nature of the development proposed at this location it is not expected to result in a significant increase in the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough and therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | 0         | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. New development could have a negative effect on air quality as a result of increased vehicle traffic; however the impacts of development on air quality, particularly as a result of transport related pollutants, cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment   |

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|  |           | on the basis of the location of individual development sites and the impacts of a cemetery site in this sense are likely to be minimal. Effects on sustainable transport use are considered separately under SA objective 21. Therefore, all cemetery site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.  | 0         | Cemetery development in the Borough is unlikely to result an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.   | 0         | Cemetery development in the Borough is unlikely to result a notable increase in local energy use and is not expected to offer opportunities for incorporating renewable energy generation. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.   | 0         | The location of new cemeteries in the Borough is unlikely to result an increase in local greenhouse gas emissions. The siting of this type of development may increase emissions from those travelling to these new sites; however the likely effects of development sites in relation to emissions from vehicle traffic are assessed under SA objective 21, therefore all sites will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of new development will affect economic and social wellbeing, as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, all of the site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.   |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | 0         | The provision of cemetery sites in the Borough is not likely to impact upon local training and education opportunities. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | 0         | The provision of cemetery sites in the Borough is not likely to impact upon local employment opportunities. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | 0         | New cemetery site options are not expected to offer opportunities for reusing existing sites and buildings. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective for all cemetery site options.  |

| SA Objectives   | SA Scores | Justification   |
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| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction   | 0         | Specific design and construction methods used for any built development onsite will not be known until planning applications come forward and it is not expected that cemetery sites will offer the opportunity for incorporating renewable energy generation onsite. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective for all cemetery site options.   |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling  | 0         | While all new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, it is assumed that all will offer sustainable waste management or recycling practices and waste generation from a cemetery site would be minimal. However, the impacts of new development on waste generation and recycling will not be determined by its location and the effects of new development upon levels of recycling and reuse will depend upon factors such as waste management policies, processes and facilities available in the area, which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective. |
| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | 0         | The provision of cemetery sites in the Borough is not likely to impact upon the number of local services and access to these services. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | +         | The site is located within 85m of the nearest foot path which runs towards Gartree Road to the west of the site. There are, however, no public transport nodes locate within 400m of the site. The closest bus stop to the site is located on Copse Close to the south west of the site within 475m. Overall a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.  |

## Site Option for Safeguarded Land for the Proposed Transport Route

### OWBC38: Proposed Transport Route (site known formerly as the Eastern District Distributor Road)<sup>80</sup>

| SA Objectives  | SA Scores | Justification  |
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| 1. To ensure the provision of decent and affordable housing that meets local needs and links into the provision of services.   | 0         | As this site is being considered for safeguarding for the provision of a distributor road through the Borough, it will not contribute to the amount of housing provided to meet local needs. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 2. To improve health and reduce health inequality by promoting healthy lifestyles, protecting health and providing access to health services.  | -?        | Safeguarding this land for the provision of a new distributor road through the Borough is unlikely to have any positive effect on local health and well-being. The eventual provision of a new road at this location would also detrimentally impact upon local residents' access to the natural greenspace at Victoria Court, Meadow Court Road and Manor Close which all fall partially within the boundaries of the site. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain considering that it may be possible to maintain access to some of this natural greenspace depending upon the eventual design of the road scheme. |
| 3. To provide better opportunities for people to access community and leisure facilities.  | 0         | Safeguarding this land for the provision of a new distributor road through the Borough is unlikely to have any effect on local residents' access to community and leisure facilities and a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 4. To improve community safety, and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.   | 0         | Safeguarding this land for the provision of a new distributor road through the Borough is unlikely to have any effect on crime and fear of crime and a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 5. To promote and support the empowerment of local communities in creating and implementing solutions that meet their needs focusing particularly on young, elderly and deprived people. | 0         | Safeguarding this road to facilitate a new transport scheme in the Borough may affect social inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore the effect on this SA objective is negligible.   |

<sup>80</sup> This site was previously called the 'Eastern District Distributor Road, Oadby (Local Plan 1999 Allocation: Reservation for the Eastern District Distributor Road, Oadby (T1))' in the Preferred Options Local Plan SA Report. The site name has been updated in light of changes in the Pre-Submission Local Plan.

| SA Objectives   | SA Scores | Justification   |
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| 6. To promote racial harmony and create cohesive communities.                         | 0         | Safeguarding this road to facilitate a new transport scheme in the Borough may affect racial harmony and influence community cohesion by influencing how easily people are able to access social interaction opportunities, community facilities and understand cultural aspects of one another etc. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore the effect on this SA objective is negligible.  |
| 7. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings. | --?       | The site is located within close proximity of a number of designated heritage assets. Oadby Hill Top and Meadowcourt Conservation Area is partially within the site and Oadby Court Conservation Area is located within 35m of the site to the south. North Memorial Conservation Area is located within 260m also to the south. Two Areas of Archaeological Potential are located within 35m to the west and within 20m to the east of the site respectively. The closest Listed Building to the site is located within 420m to the west. Safeguarding this site for the potential future development of a road scheme would most likely contribute to the loss of a number of mature trees within the Conservation Area to the east of Meadowcourt Road. Trees within this part of the Conservation Area have been recognised in the Oadby Hill Top and Meadowcourt Conservation Area Appraisal (2005) as being "extremely important" to the special character of the area. The site also contains the part of the university sports grounds at Southmeads Road which have also been identified as contributing to the setting of the Conservation Area acting to provide an "attractive quite open feel". As such the Oadby Hill Top and Meadowcourt Conservation Area Development Control Guidance (2005) gives specific protection to both trees and open spaces unless there is demonstrable public benefits to the development which would result in loss of these features. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain at this stage until details of the proposal are known. |
| 8. Protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.                                 | --?       | Stackyard Spinney Local Wildlife Site lies partially within the northern portion of the site and Blackthorn Manor Pond Local Wildlife Site is located adjacent to the site to the east. Leicestershire Golf Course Local Wildlife Site is also located within 10m of the site to the north. Safeguarding this site for the future provision of a new distributor road is likely to have detrimental impacts on the identified biodiversity features particularly in terms of increased disturbance, habitat fragmentation and pollution which may result from local traffic flows. As such a significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is, however, uncertain given that the design and layout of any future transport scheme may allow for a degree of mitigation or even the incorporation of  |

| SA Objectives  | SA Scores | Justification   |
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|  |           | areas which benefit local biodiversity at road verges.  |
| 9. Protect and enhance the character and quality of the landscape.                                   | --?       | The site is relatively large (8.32 ha) and located on greenfield land and as such safeguarding this site for the eventual provision of a distributor road at this location is likely to impact on the landscape. The parcel also contains some of the land within the Oadby, Thurnby and Stoughton Green Wedge and as such the loss of this open land could potentially contribute to the coalescence of local settlements. A significant negative effect is expected on this SA objective. This expected negative effect on the landscape is uncertain until the specific design of development is known.            |
| 10. To manage prudently water resources, improve water quality and reduce vulnerability to flooding. | -         | The site is located on greenfield land and is outside of flood zone 2 and flood zone 3. As such the eventual provision of a distributor road at this location would increase the area of impermeable surfaces in the Borough and potentially increase local flood risk. A minor negative effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.   |
| 11. To improve air quality particularly through reducing transport related pollutants.               | --        | There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) in the Borough. It is, however, expected that the eventual provision of a new distributor road on this safeguarded site could increase the number of car journeys made through the Borough. As such this would increase local contribution to the release of air pollutants. Given that the transport scheme in question would accommodate the extension of the outer ring-road for Leicester it is expected to be quite sizeable and designed to allow for increased levels of traffic. The negative effect likely on this SA objective is therefore significant. |
| 12. To manage prudently mineral resources and avoid / reduce pollution of land.                      | 0         | The eventual provision of a new distributor road on this safeguarded land will inevitably involve an increase in mineral use and levels of pollution; however the impacts should be mitigated through the planning process and therefore, the provision of any transport scheme at this location will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 13. To minimise energy use and develop renewable energy resources.                                   | 0         | The eventual provision of a new distributor road on this safeguarded land is unlikely to impact upon the incorporation of energy efficiency measures in local development. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 14. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the rate of climate change.                       | --        | The eventual provision of a new distributor road on this safeguarded site could increase the number of car journeys made through the Borough. This would most likely increase local greenhouse gas emissions. Given that the transport scheme in question would accommodate the extension of the outer ring-road for Leicester it is expected to be   |

| SA Objectives  | SA Scores | Justification  |
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|  |           | quite sizeable and designed to allow for increased levels of traffic. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.  |
| 15. To involve people in preventing and minimising adverse local, regional and global environmental impacts.   | 0         | The location of a new transport scheme in the Borough may affect economic and social wellbeing (particularly in terms of access to employment sites and encouraging new employment related development in the areas), as well as the environment. However, these factors are assessed under other SA objectives; therefore, a negligible effect on this SA objective is expected.  |
| 16. To improve access to education and training for children, young people, adult learners.  | 0         | Safeguarding this land for the provision of a new distributor road through the Borough is unlikely to have any effect on local residents' access to education facilities and a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.   |
| 17. To develop a strong culture of enterprise and innovation whilst providing access to appropriate employment opportunities for the local population. | ++        | The provision of a new distributor road on this safeguarded land may encourage employment development in the Borough as a whole given the importance of this type of infrastructure in terms of accommodating large scale economic growth. The identified employment area Cross Street Industrial Units is located in close proximity to the site. At present access to this area from the A6 road to the south is via the mainly residential streets of Regent Street, Beaumont Street and Spencer Street. The provision of this new distributor road may allow for a small level of growth or intensification of this use at this specific location (although it is recognised that this would presently be constrained by the surrounding residential areas) by allowing for improved access to the existing employment area. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective. |
| 18. To optimise the use of previously developed land, buildings and existing infrastructure.   | --        | This is quite a large site (8.32 ha) located on greenfield land. As such the eventual provision of a distributor road at this location would not involve the reuse of previously developed land. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.   |
| 19. To promote and ensure high standards of sustainable design and construction  | 0         | Specific design and construction methods used in any transport scheme proposed for the site will not be known until planning applications come forward. The effects of policies that the emerging Local Plan puts in place will have a greater impact upon this objective at the application stage and therefore all site options will have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |
| 20. Reduce waste generation and increase levels of reuse and recycling   | 0         | The provision of a new distributor road on this safeguarded land would have a negligible effect on this SA objective.  |

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| 21. To improve access to services for those without a car, disabled people, elderly people, ethnic minorities and deprived people by providing for everyday needs in each settlement. | 0         | The provision of a new distributor road on this safeguarded land would not directly improve access to services for those in the Borough without a car. Although it may increase the number of car journeys made locally it would also, however, not restrict access to services for those residents without a car. A negligible effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negligible effect is uncertain given that dependent upon the specifics of any transport scheme public transport nodes and other sustainable transport provisions (such as bus stops, trams or car pool lanes) may be incorporated to allow for greater access to local services.  |
| 22. To encourage and develop the use of public transport and public rights of way.  | --?       | The provision of a new distributor road on this safeguarded land would most likely encourage the use of cars over more active and sustainable modes of transport in the Borough. Given that the transport scheme in question would accommodate the extension of the outer ring-road for Leicester it is expected to be quite sizeable and designed to allow for increased levels of traffic. A significant negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that it is dependent upon the specifics of any transport scheme, public transport nodes and other sustainable transport provisions (such as bus stops, trams or car pool lanes) which may be incorporated. |

## **Appendix 6**

### Summary of reasons for selecting or not selecting site options

**Table A6.1: Reasons for selecting site allocations**

| Site Reference | Address   | Existing Use                  | Proposed Approach   | Other Reasonable Alternative uses assessed | Council's reasons for decision making   |
|----------------|---|-------------------------------|---|--|---|
| <b>OWBC9</b>   | Wigston DFG to the south-east of Wigston (Phase 1 – <b>Employment</b> - south site) | Greenfield                    | Employment use  | NA   | Site has planning permission: 13/00403/OUT – part of the larger Direction for Growth application for Mixed use development for up to 450 dwellings & 2.5 hectares of employment land (B1/B2) along with new formal recreation space with changing facilities, allotments, landscaping & storm water balancing & associated infrastructure (Rev A) |
| <b>OWBC10</b>  | Oadby Sewage Treatment Works, off Wigston Road, Oadby                               | Sewage Treatment Works        | Employment.<br><br>Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 19 Oadby Sewage Treatment Works.                    | Residential                                | Site was submitted as part of 2015 call for sites by Severn Trent suggesting the Sewage Treatment Works is coming to the end of its life in next 10 years.<br><br>Site has been assessed through the Council's Employment Land and Premises Study evidence base document. The document recommends the site for use as employment.                 |
| <b>OWBC11</b>  | Land off Magna Road, South Wigston (Local Plan Allocation 1999 (Em6) )              | Undeveloped land / greenfield | Employment.<br><br>Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 2 Spatial Strategy for Development for the Borough. | NA   | Site has been assessed through the Council's Employment Land and Premises Study evidence base document. The document recommends the site for use as employment.   |
| <b>OWBC13</b>  | Wigston DFG to the south-east of Wigston (Phase 1 - Residential                     | Greenfield                    | Residential and associated uses   | NA   | Site has planning permission: 13/00403/OUT – part of the larger Direction for Growth application for Mixed use development for up to  |

| Site Reference | Address                                     | Existing Use | Proposed Approach  | Other Reasonable Alternative uses assessed | Council's reasons for decision making  |
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|                | north site)                                 |              | Granted outline planning Feb 2016 but not yet on site (450 dwellings plus associated on-site infrastructure) |  | 450 dwellings & 2.5 hectares of employment land (B1/B2) along with new formal recreation space with changing facilities, allotments, landscaping & storm water balancing & associated infrastructure (Rev A)<br><br>16/00316/REM –Reserved Matters application has now been approved.  |
| <b>OWBC14</b>  | Land at Bennett Way, South Wigston          | Car park     | Residential.<br><br>Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 2 Spatial Strategy for Development for the Borough.     | Health centre                              | Site is identified within the Council's latest SHLAA as deliverable and developable. The site is identified within the SHLAA 0-5 year time period and is to be allocated in the Local Plan for residential.<br><br>The site is Council owned and the Council is driving forward development of this site in the near future. |
| <b>OWBC16</b>  | Land west of Welford Road, south of Wigston | Greenfield   | Residential.<br><br>Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 2 Spatial Strategy for Development for the Borough.     |  | Site is identified within the Council's latest SHLAA as deliverable and developable. The site is identified within the SHLAA 0-5 year time period and is to be allocated in the Local Plan for residential.  |
| <b>OWBC17a</b> | Amended Further Wigston DFG area,           | Greenfield   | Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 20  | NA   | Phase 2 is a direct and logical extension to the Council's existing growth area. Development at  |

| Site Reference | Address                                      | Existing Use                                | Proposed Approach   | Other Reasonable Alternative uses assessed | Council's reasons for decision making  |
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|                | south-east of Wigston (Phase 2)              |   | Wigston Direction for Growth area.<br><br>Residential (550) and associated uses: including sports pitches and community facilities; allotments; primary school; local retail centre; and employment land (2.5 ha) |  | this location has a cumulative benefit relating to highway infrastructure improvements, provision of a primary school and community facilities.  |
| <b>OWBC20</b>  | Former Oadby Swimming Pool site, Oadby       | Former swimming pool site / brownfield land | Residential   | Health Centre                              | Site is identified within the Council's latest SHLAA as deliverable and developable. The site is identified within the SHLAA 0-5 year time period and is to be allocated in the Local Plan for residential.<br><br>The site is Council owned and the Council is driving forward development of this site in the near future. |
| <b>OWBC21A</b> | Land at Cottage Farm, south of the A6, Oadby | Greenfield                                  | Residential   | NA   | 13/00478/OUT : Development of land for up to 150No. dwellings (Use Class C3) and associated infrastructure, including pedestrian and vehicular access, open space and structural landscaping (Rev C).  |

| Site Reference | Address  | Existing Use                     | Proposed Approach   | Other Reasonable Alternative uses assessed | Council's reasons for decision making  |
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|                |  |                                  |   |  | <p>Outline permission was granted for 150 dwellings in October 2016.</p> <p>The Council is now in receipt of a Reserved Matters application (17/00310/REM).</p>  |
| <b>OWBC24</b>  | Land south of Gartree Road, Oadby                        | Undeveloped land / greenfield    | <p>Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 18 Stoughton Grange Direction for Growth area.</p> <p>Residential (300) and associated uses: including onsite open space, small scale commercial and small scale leisure.</p> | NA   | <p>Site is located in the Green Wedge and is to be released through the Local Plan. The Green Wedge boundary has been amended through the Local Plan process, see Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 42.</p> <p>Both OWBC24 and OWBC28 form the same site in the Pre-Submission Local Plan. The total number of residential units proposed is 300.</p> |
| <b>OWBC28</b>  | Stoughton Grange Farm Park, north of Gartree Road, Oadby | Mixed use – commercial / leisure | <p>Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 18 Stoughton Grange Direction for Growth area.</p> <p>Residential (300) and associated uses: including onsite open space, small</p>   | NA   |  |

| Site Reference | Address  | Existing Use                           | Proposed Approach   | Other Reasonable Alternative uses assessed | Council's reasons for decision making   |
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|                |  |  | scale commercial and small scale leisure.   |  |   |
| <b>OWBC29</b>  | Station Close LDO, Station Street, South Wigston | Arriva bus depot                       | Residential.<br><br>Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 2 Spatial Strategy for Development for the Borough.                                  | Residential and health centre              | <p>Site is identified within the Council's latest SHLAA as deliverable and developable. The site is identified within the SHLAA 0-5 year time period and is to be allocated in the Local Plan for residential.</p> <p>Local Development Order for the site approved in May 2016. The LDO granted 'in principle' permission for C3 (dwelling house), and D1 (non-residential institutions, excluding clinic and health centres) uses at the site.</p> <p><a href="http://www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk/pages/local_development_order_s">http://www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk/pages/local_development_order_s</a></p> |
| <b>OWBC30</b>  | Long Lanes, Paddock Street, Wigston              | Public Car Park / Commercial / Leisure | Town centre site being considered for office floorspace, retail floorspace, residential units, public car parking and leisure facilities. | NA   | Each of the sites identified within the Town Centres Area Action Plan are being allocated within the Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 2 Spatial Strategy for Development for the Borough. A flexible development approach is being taken within the Pre-Submission Local Plan. The Town Centre Area Action Plan will remain as guidance and demonstrate one way in which town centre development can be delivered.  |

| Site Reference | Address                                  | Existing Use   | Proposed Approach   | Other Reasonable Alternative uses assessed | Council's reasons for decision making  |
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|                |  |  |   |  | Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 22 Delivering Retail is also relevant.  |
| <b>OWBC31</b>  | Burgess Junction, Junction Road, Wigston | Public Car Park  | Town centre site being considered for office floorspace, retail floorspace, residential units, public car parking and leisure facilities. | NA   | <p>Each of the sites identified within the Town Centres Area Action Plan are being allocated within the Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 2 Spatial Strategy for Development for the Borough. A flexible development approach is being taken within the Pre-Submission Local Plan. The Town Centre Area Action Plan will remain as guidance and demonstrate one way in which town centre development can be delivered.</p> <p>Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 22 Delivering Retail is also relevant.</p> |
| <b>OWBC32</b>  | Chapel Mill, Frederick Street, Wigston   | Public Car Park and a mixture of retail and small businesses | Town centre site being considered for office floorspace, retail floorspace, residential units, public car parking and leisure facilities. | NA   | <p>Each of the sites identified within the Town Centres Area Action Plan are being allocated within the Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 2 Spatial Strategy for Development for the Borough. A flexible development approach is being taken within the Pre-Submission Local Plan. The Town Centre Area Action Plan will remain as guidance and demonstrate one way in which town centre development can be delivered.</p> <p>Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 22 Delivering</p>                          |

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|----------------|--|-----------------|---|--|---|
|                |  |                 |   |  | Retail is also relevant.  |
| <b>OWBC33</b>  | Baxter's Place,<br>Sandhurst Street,<br>Oadby      | Public Car Park | Town centre site being considered for commercial floorspace, retail floorspace, residential units, public car parking and health centre facilities. | NA   | Each of the sites identified within the Town Centres Area Action Plan are being allocated within the Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 2 Spatial Strategy for Development for the Borough. A flexible development approach is being taken within the Pre-Submission Local Plan. The Town Centre Area Action Plan will remain as guidance and demonstrate one way in which town centre development can be delivered.<br><br>Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 22 Delivering Retail is also relevant. |
| <b>OWBC34</b>  | Brooksby Square,<br>East Street Car Park,<br>Oadby | Public Car Park | Town centre site being considered for commercial floorspace, retail floorspace, residential units, public car parking and health centre facilities. | NA   | Each of the sites identified within the Town Centres Area Action Plan are being allocated within the Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 2 Spatial Strategy for Development for the Borough. A flexible development approach is being taken within the Pre-Submission Local Plan. The Town Centre Area Action Plan will remain as guidance and demonstrate one way in which town centre development can be delivered.<br><br>Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 22 Delivering Retail is also relevant. |
| <b>OWBC36</b>  | Land south of Gartree                              | Greenfield      | Cemetery use.   | NA   | Both OWBC36 and OWBC37 will form the Pre-   |

| Site Reference | Address  | Existing Use   | Proposed Approach  | Other Reasonable Alternative uses assessed | Council's reasons for decision making   |
|----------------|--|--|--|--|---|
|                | Road, (opposite Gaulby Road), Oadby  |  | Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 18 Stoughton Grange Direction for Growth area.                              |  | Submission Local Plan cemetery allocation. The allocation is an extension to cemetery allocation.   |
| <b>OWBC37</b>  | Land south of Gartree Road, north-east of Oadby<br><br>(Local Plan 1999 Allocation: Provision for cemetery in Green Wedge, Oadby (Sv6) )         | Greenfield   | Cemetery use.<br><br>Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 18 Stoughton Grange Direction for Growth area.         | NA   |   |
| <b>OWBC38</b>  | Eastern District Distributor Road, Oadby<br><br>(Local Plan 1999 Allocation: Reservation for the Eastern District Distributor Road, Oadby (T1) ) | Undeveloped land (protected for transport designation) | Potential Transport Route.<br><br>Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 26 Sustainable Transport and Initiatives. | Residential                                | Land allocated in association with Leicestershire County Council and their long term vision for an extension to the outer ring-road for Leicester to follow that route. Transport evidence suggests that the potential route could have a positive impact on traffic levels in the area should it be delivered. |
| <b>OWBC44</b>  | Land at Cottage Farm, south of the A6, Oadby (further extended site) (Phase 2)   | Greenfield   | Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 21 Cottage Farm Direction for Growth area.                                  | NA   | Site is located adjacent to the existing Green Wedge. The Green Wedge is to be extended and part of the proposal site will be located within the extended Green Wedge boundary. The Green Wedge boundary has been amended through the Local Plan process, see Pre-  |

| Site Reference | Address                            | Existing Use | Proposed Approach   | Other Reasonable Alternative uses assessed | Council's reasons for decision making  |
|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------|---|--|--|
|                |                                    |              | Residential (250) and associated uses: including onsite open space. |  | Submission Local Plan Policy 42.   |
| <b>OWBC45</b>  | 39 Long Street, Wigston            | Brownfield   | Residential.  | NA   | Site is identified within the Council's latest SHLAA as deliverable and developable. The site is identified within the SHLAA 0-5 year time period and is to be allocated in the Local Plan for residential.  |
| <b>OWBC46</b>  | 53-59 Queens Drive, Wigston        | Brownfield   | Residential.  | NA   | Site is identified within the Council's latest SHLAA as deliverable and developable. The site is identified within the SHLAA 0-5 year time period and is to be allocated in the Local Plan for residential.  |
| <b>OWBC47</b>  | Meadow Hill, Welford Road, Wigston | Greenfield   | Residential.  | NA   | Site is identified within the Council's latest SHLAA as deliverable and developable. The site is identified within the SHLAA 0-5 year time period and is to be allocated in the Local Plan for residential.<br><br>The land area forms part of OWBC17.<br><br>The site has now been granted planning permission. |
| <b>OWBC48</b>  | Nautical William, Aylestone Lane,  | Brownfield.  | Residential.  | NA   | Site is identified within the Council's latest SHLAA as deliverable and developable. The site  |

| Site Reference | Address | Existing Use  | Proposed Approach | Other Reasonable Alternative uses assessed | Council's reasons for decision making   |
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|                | Wigston | Public house. |                   |  | is identified within the SHLAA 0-5 year time period and is to be allocated in the Local Plan for residential. |

**Table A6.2: Reasons for not selecting site allocations that were not included in the plan**

| Site Reference | Address  | Existing Use  | Proposed Approach                                 | Other Reasonable Alternative uses assessed | OWBC Notes   |
|----------------|--|---|---|--|--|
| <b>OWBC08B</b> | Premier Drum, Blaby Road, South Wigston                            | Identified Employment Land, occupied by large factory | Release site from employment area.<br><br>Retail. | Residential.                               | Site to be released from Identified Employment Area.<br><br>Please note: 16/00395/FUL – An application has been granted planning permission. The application is for demolition of existing buildings and erection of proposed foodstore (class A1), mixed warehouse/retail unit (class B8/A1), mobile catering unit (class A5) in car park, amendments to existing access, car parking, landscaping and associated.<br><br>Application 16/00395/FUL has commenced. Current building is currently being demolished. |
| <b>OWBC12</b>  | Britford Avenue, Wigston<br><br>(Local Plan Allocation 1999 – H11) | School playing field / greenfield                     | Residential                                       | NA   | The site has been allocated for approximately 18 years and has yet to come forward for residential development. The Plan allocates sufficient land to fulfil the Plan period target without making use of this site. If the site was to come forward in the future for residential   |

| Site Reference | Address   | Existing Use                       | Proposed Approach  | Other Reasonable Alternative uses assessed | OWBC Notes   |
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|                |   |                                    |  |  | development it would do so as a windfall.  |
| <b>OWBC15</b>  | Land to the west of A5199, Kilby Bridge                   | Brownfield land / undeveloped land | Residential  | NA   | <p>Land submitted in Call for Sites by Canal and River Trust with an illustrative residential scheme proposed.</p> <p>A substantial part of the land area is located within the proposed Kilby Bridge Settlement Envelope. The relevant Kilby Bridge policy states that up to 40 residential units could be provided within the envelope area. The site is not allocated but is partly located within the envelope area and would be progressed through the planning application process.</p> <p>The number of units proposed within the Kilby Bridge Settlement Envelope consist part of the Local Plans residential buffer figure.</p> |
| <b>OWBC17</b>  | Further Wigston DFG area, south-east of Wigston (Phase 2) | Greenfield                         | <p>Pre-Submission Local Plan Policy 20 Wigston Direction for Growth area.</p> <p>Residential (550) and associated uses: including sports pitches and community facilities; allotments; primary</p> | NA   | This site includes an area that is not included in the Masterplan submitted to the Council by the promoter. The area included in the masterplan has been allocated and has been assessed as 'OWBC17a'.   |

| Site Reference | Address  | Existing Use | Proposed Approach   | Other Reasonable Alternative uses assessed | OWBC Notes  |
|----------------|--|--------------|---|--|---|
|                |  |              | school; local retail centre; and employment land (2.5 ha) |  |   |
| <b>OWBC18</b>  | Land opposite Highfield Farm, Newton Lane, east of Wigston   | Greenfield   | Residential   | NA   | This site is detached from the current extent of the Leicester Principal Urban Area and has only one likely access onto Newton Lane. The site is located within the countryside and development of such would not comprise sustainable development. The site is located outside of the Wigston Direction for Growth area extent.      |
| <b>OWBC19</b>  | Land north of Newton Lane, east of Wigston                   | Greenfield   | Residential   | NA   | This site is not located within the current extent of the Leicester Principal Urban Area and has only one likely access onto Newton Lane. The site is located within the countryside and development of such would not comprise sustainable development. The site is located outside of the Wigston Direction for Growth area extent. |
| <b>OWBC21B</b> | Land at Cottage Farm, south of the A6, Oadby (extended site) | Greenfield   | Residential and associated uses                           | NA   | A larger parcel of land has been allocated within the Pre-Submission Local Plan. This land area is situated within the larger allocation land area.   |
| <b>OWBC22</b>  | Land at Stretton Hall, north of the A6, Oadby                | Greenfield   | Residential   | NA   | This site is detached from the current extent of the Leicester Principal Urban Area and has no access into the site other than an existing farm track onto Gartree Road. The site is located within the countryside and development of  |

| Site Reference | Address   | Existing Use | Proposed Approach               | Other Reasonable Alternative uses assessed | OWBC Notes  |
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|                |   |              |                                 |  | such would not comprise sustainable development. The site is located outside of both Oadby Direction for Growth area extents.   |
| <b>OWBC23</b>  | Land to the north-east of Oadby                         | Greenfield   | Residential and associated uses | NA   | This site is detached from the current extent of the Leicester Principal Urban Area and has no access into the site other than an existing farm track onto Gartree Road. The site is located within the countryside and development of such would not comprise sustainable development. The site is located outside of both Oadby Direction for Growth area extents.            |
| <b>OWBC25</b>  | Land to the rear of Spire Hospital, Gartree Road, Oadby | Greenfield   | Residential                     | Hospital extension                         | The land owner has suggested that they are not looking to develop the site within this Plan period.   |
| <b>OWBC26</b>  | Land south of Sutton Close and Tilton Drive, Oadby      | Greenfield   | Residential                     | NA   | This site has no direct access. It has been clarified to the Council that access is only available through demolition of existing homes to the north of the site. The site is located within the Oadby and Wigston Green Wedge and development of such would not comprise sustainable development. The site is located outside of both Oadby Direction for Growth area extents. |
| <b>OWBC35</b>  | Land south of Wigston Cemetery, Wigston                 | Greenfield   | Cemetery use                    | NA   | The preferred cemetery and burial site to meet the Borough's needs within the Plan period is located towards the north of Oadby. No recent interest has been expressed with the site for cemetery or burial uses or any other use.  |

| Site Reference | Address  | Existing Use   | Proposed Approach | Other Reasonable Alternative uses assessed   | OWBC Notes  |
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| <b>OWBC39</b>  | Land west of Leicester Road and north of Palmerston Way, Oadby | Greenfield   | Residential       | Mixed use development, including residential | <p>The site is located within the Oadby and Wigston Green Wedge. This area of green wedge plays an important role in the separation of two settlements; Leicester City and Oadby. The area also functions as a 'green lung' extending into Leicester City.</p> <p>To note – areas of green wedge that have been de-designated to allow development to come forward, have been released as their removal still ensures the green wedge, as a whole, fulfils its key functions, including negating coalescence of settlements.</p>  |
| <b>OWBC40</b>  | Land east of Welford Road, Ellis Farm, Kilby Bridge            | Predominantly Greenfield, with elements of Brownfield that are all contained within the proposed Kilby Bridge Village Envelope | Residential       | Mixed use development, including residential | <p>Policy 17 of the Pre-Submission Local Plan relating to Kilby Bridge, states that only small scale development within the settlement envelope will be considered. The vast majority of site OWBC40 is located outside of the settlement envelope, within the countryside. The relevant Kilby Bridge policy states that up to 40 residential units could be provided within the envelope area. The site is not allocated but is partly located within the envelope area and would be progressed through the planning application process.</p> <p>The number of units proposed within the Kilby Bridge Settlement Envelope consist part of the Local Plans residential buffer figure.</p> <p>Part of the site (outside the Kilby Bridge Settlement Envelope) also includes the Lime</p> |

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|                |   |   |                   |  | Delves which is part of the nationally designated Kilby – Foxtton SSSI. The site is located outside of the Wigston Direction for Growth area.   |
| <b>OWBC41</b>  | Land at Seven Oaks Farm, north of Newton Lane, Wigston            | Predominantly Greenfield, with a small element of Brownfield (farm buildings) | Residential       | NA   | This site is detached from the current extent of the Leicester Principal Urban Area and has only one likely access onto Newton Lane. The site is located within the countryside and development of such would not comprise sustainable development. The site is located outside of the Wigston Direction for Growth area extent.      |
| <b>OWBC42</b>  | Land at Countesthorpe Road Sewage Treatment Works, South Wigston  | Greenfield and Brownfield (Countesthorpe Road Sewage Treatment Works)         | Residential       | NA   | This site is detached from the current extent of the Leicester Principal Urban Area and has only one likely access onto Countesthorpe Road. The site is located within the countryside and development of such would not comprise sustainable development. The site is located outside of the Direction for Growth area extents.      |
| <b>OWBC43</b>  | Land North of Newton Lane, combined with Seven Oaks Farm, Wigston | Predominantly Greenfield, with a small element of Brownfield (farm buildings) | Residential       | NA   | This site is not located within the current extent of the Leicester Principal Urban Area and has only one likely access onto Newton Lane. The site is located within the countryside and development of such would not comprise sustainable development. The site is located outside of the Wigston Direction for Growth area extent. |

