

APPENDIX A

REPORT CONDITIONS

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SUSTAINABILITY REPORT **SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL OF THE WIGSTON TOWN CENTRE** **AREA ACTION PLAN**

OADBY AND WIGSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Although care is taken to select monitoring and survey periods that are typical of the environmental conditions being measured, within the overall reporting programme constraints, measured conditions may not be fully representative of the actual conditions. Any predictive or modelling work, undertaken as part of the commission will be subject to limitations including the representativeness of data used by the model and the assumptions inherent within the approach used. Actual environmental conditions are typically more complex and variable than the investigative, predictive and modelling approaches indicate in practice, and the output of such approaches cannot be relied upon as a comprehensive or accurate indicator of future conditions.

The potential influence of our assessment and report on other aspects of any development or future planning requires evaluation by other involved parties.

The performance of environmental protection measures and of buildings and other structures in relation to acoustics, vibration, noise mitigation and other environmental issues is influenced to a large extent by the degree to which the relevant environmental considerations are incorporated into the final design and specifications and the quality of workmanship and compliance with the specifications on site during construction. WYGE accept no liability for issues with performance arising from such factors

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SCOPING CONSULTATION RESPONSES

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East Midlands Regional Assembly	15 th February 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) 8 seeks a holistic approach to the development process and therefore the Regional Core Objectives set out in Policy 1 reflect the social, economic, environmental and resource efficiency facets of sustainable development. 	Comment noted.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It would also be advantageous to include Sustainability Appraisal (SA) objectives on renewable energy and reducing the possible impact of future climate change, especially the risk of damage to life and property from flooding. 	Comment noted. These issues have been considered under SA Objectives 10, 13 and 14.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is worth noting that the Draft Regional Plan, launched for consultation on 28th September 2006, has clearer aims in regards to the Core Regional Objectives. This may be more pertinent in regards to conformity as it is due to be adopted in 2008. 	Comment noted. The aims of the Draft Regional Plan have been taken into consideration during the SA of the Area Action Plan (AAP).
Leicestershire Constabulary	8 th March 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinforce SA Objective 4 in that any action plan should consider the need 'to improve community safety, reduce anti-social behaviour, reduce crime and the fear of crime'. Designing out crime and designing in community safety should be central to the planning and delivery of new development and should be a key requisite in the formation of AAPs. 	Comment noted. SA Objective 4 has been amended as suggested. The SA recommends a number of measures to reduce the potential for crime and anti-social behaviour, including the adoption of Secured by Design Principles, as detailed in the Sustainability Report and associated Appraisal Matrices.
Leicestershire County Council Planning	9 th March 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SA Scoping Report was produced in June 2005 and subsequently a number of developments have taken place that Local Development Framework (LDF) needs to take account of. Nationally, the following documents should be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PPS 1 Supplement; Planning and Climate Change PPS 3 Housing PPS 22 Renewable Energy PPS 25 Development and Flood Risk At a Regional level, the draft RSS should be included and at the county level, the Leicestershire Local Area Agreement (March 2006) in particular the Economic Block and Cleaner and Greener Block outcomes. Due to the localised nature of AAPs it will be particularly important to analyse plans and programmes at the local level. The Oadby & Wigston Housing Strategy should be added to the documents listed. 	Comment noted. A review of these documents has been undertaken and the outcomes of the review have been taken into account during the SA of the AAP. A summary of the review is provided in Section 3.7.2 and Appendix C of the Sustainability Report.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With particular reference to SA Objectives 4 and 6, consideration should be given, wherever possible, in either the context of Oadby Town Centre AAP or Wigston Town Centre AAP, to the provision of a Multi Faith Centre. This could function not only as a centre for worship but as a single access point for a variety of cross-agency services (e.g. pre and post natal care, adult literacy, English for speakers of other Languages, Mother Tongue teaching). It could function as part of a community centre incorporating other elements. 	Comment noted. This has been taken into consideration. However, such recommendations are considered beyond the scope of what can be achieved through the SA process.

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Leicestershire County Council Planning	9 th March 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainability issues which are considered to take on greater significance when considered in the context of Oadby and Wigston Town Centres are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic and transport, linked to air and climate. Population and quality of life. Cultural heritage and archaeology. 	Comment noted. These aspects have been taken into consideration during the SA of the AAP.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The inclusion of objectives 12 and 20 is welcomed. 	Comment noted.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Format of Sustainability Report considered suitable, however it is assumed that the quality of the detailed mapping will be improved. 	Comment noted.
Environment Agency	12 th March 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to make reference to PPS23: Planning and Pollution Control and PPS25: Development and Flood Risk. 	Comment noted. A review of PPS23 and PPS25 has been undertaken and the outcomes of the review have been taken into account during the SA of the AAP. A summary of the review is provided in Section 3.7.2 and Appendix C of the Sustainability Report.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Sue Hornby can supply a CD of baseline data sets. 	Comment noted.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The key sustainability issue listed at paragraph 5.7.5 should be expanded to include '<i>and the increased surface water run off from an increase in hard surfaced areas</i>'. 	Comment noted. The key sustainability issue has been amended to read " <i>the need to prevent increases in surface water run-off and flood risk</i> ", as detailed in Section 5.3.11 of the Sustainability Report.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remediation and re-use of contaminated land does not appear to have been recognised as a key sustainability issue. This should be included in paragraph 5.6.6. 	Comment noted. Contaminated land has been included as a key sustainability issue, as detailed in Section 5.3.11 of the Sustainability Report.
English Heritage	12 th March 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)/SA should be focused and relevant to the area under consideration, e.g. baseline data that relates to the AAP areas. You need to ask the local authority heritage officers about any relevant issues with regard to the historic environment of the areas to be addressed. As far as English Heritage are aware, they are not areas of great historic interest. 	Comment noted. The local historic environment of the AAP area has been established, as detailed in Section 5.3.7 of the Sustainability Report. Relevant policies related to the historic environment have also been acknowledged.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under SA objectives, you may wish to add one that addresses townscape. 	Comment noted. The potential effects of the AAP upon townscape have been considered under SA Objective 9: To protect and enhance the landscape and green spaces in the Borough and to provide opportunities for public access to the countryside. The historic landscape character has also been taken into consideration under SA Objective 8: To preserve and enhance the character and appearance of archaeological sites, historic buildings, conservation areas, historic parks and other cultural assets.

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Leicestershire County Council <i>Major Development Control and Transport Planning</i>	14 th March 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leicestershire County Council now has a new Local Transport Plan (LTP) with new priority objectives, although some are the same. One of the key findings of the LTP is that sustainable transport alone will not solve congestion, but that it needs to be complemented by targeted highway improvements. Thus the LTP 2006-2011 has 6 priorities (paragraph 2.128 et seq), which WYGE will need to bear in mind: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling congestion • Improving access to facilities • Reducing road casualties • Improving air quality • Reducing the impact of traffic • Managing transport assets. 	<p>Comment noted. A review of the LTP2 has been undertaken and the outcomes of the review have been taken into account during the SA of the AAP. A summary of the review is provided in Section 3.7.2 and Appendix C of the Sustainability Report.</p>

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PLANS AND PROGRAMMES REVIEW

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Planning Policy Statement 3: Housing			
<p>Planning Policy Statement (PPS) 3 sets out the national planning policy framework for delivering the Government's housing objectives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To achieve a wide choice of high quality homes, both affordable and market housing, to address the requirements of the community; To widen opportunities for home ownership and ensure high quality housing for those who cannot afford market housing, in particular those who are vulnerable or in need; To improve affordability across the housing market, including by increasing the supply of housing; and To create sustainable, inclusive, mixed communities in all areas, both urban and rural. <p>The specific outcomes that the planning system should deliver are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High quality housing that is well-designed and built to a high standard; A mix of housing, both market and affordable, particularly in terms of tenure and price, to support a wide variety of households in all areas, both urban and rural; A sufficient quantity of housing taking into account need and demand and seeking to improve choice; Housing developments in suitable locations, which offer a good range of community facilities and with good access to jobs, key services and infrastructure; and A flexible, responsive supply of land – managed in a way that makes efficient and effective use of land, including re-use of previously-developed land, where appropriate. 	<p>The Government's key housing policy goal is to ensure that everyone has the opportunity of living in a decent home, which they can afford, in a community where they want to live. To achieve this, the Government is seeking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To achieve a wide choice of high quality homes, both affordable and market housing, to address the requirements of the community; To widen opportunities for home ownership and ensure high quality housing for those who cannot afford market housing, in particular those who are vulnerable or in need; To improve affordability across the housing market, including by increasing the supply of housing; and To create sustainable, inclusive, mixed communities in all areas, both urban and rural. <p>The specific outcomes that the planning system should deliver are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High quality housing that is well-designed and built to a high standard; A mix of housing, both market and affordable, particularly in terms of tenure and price, to support a wide variety of households in all areas, both urban and rural; A sufficient quantity of housing taking into account need and demand and seeking to improve choice; Housing developments in suitable locations, which offer a good range of community facilities and with good access to jobs, key services and infrastructure; and A flexible, responsive supply of land – managed in a way that makes efficient and effective use of land, including re-use of previously-developed land, where appropriate. 	<p>Relationships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to contribute towards the provision of high quality housing, including affordable housing and housing for the vulnerable, which meets the needs of the local community. Opportunities to create more sustainable patterns of development. Opportunities to create high quality living environments. Opportunities to improve provision of community facilities, jobs, key services and infrastructure. Opportunities to prioritise and make efficient use of land, including the re-use of previously developed land. Opportunities to create places, streets and spaces which meet the needs of people and are visually attractive, safe and inclusive. Opportunities to meet the requirements of the Code of Sustainable Homes for new housing developments, which will ensure housing is more sustainable and environmentally friendly. Opportunities to make sure that housing is accessible and well connected to public transport and community facilities and services. Opportunities to provide, or enable good access to, community and green and open amenity and recreational space (including play space). Opportunities to ensure the efficient use of resources for development, during construction and in use, and to ensure that development can adapt to and reduce the impact of climate change. Opportunities to make the Town Centre more pedestrian, cycle and vehicle friendly. Opportunities to create a distinctive character that relates well to its surroundings and supports a sense of pride and civic identity. <p>How could the aims of be addressed in the AAP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure housing provision is affordable and meets the needs of the community, including the vulnerable and in need. 	<p>The Sustainability Appraisal (SA) should include objectives which address the aims and objectives of PPS 3.</p>

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Planning Policy Statement 3: Housing (continued) Internet Link: http://www.communities.gov.uk/pub/931/PlanningPolicyStatement3Housing_id1504931.pdf			
Planning Policy Statement (PPS) 3 sets out the national planning policy framework for delivering the Government's housing objectives.	See previous page.	<p>How could the aims be addressed in the AAP (<i>continued</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure development is sustainable, providing good access to jobs, education, health facilities, shopping, leisure and other local services. • Ensure new development is well designed and built to a high standard. • Ensure the efficient use of land for development, including the re-use of previously developed land where appropriate. • Ensure new housing development achieves a high rating under the Code for Sustainable Homes. • Ensure housing is accessible and well connected to public transport and community facilities and services. • Ensure the provision of, and enable good access to, community, green and open amenity and recreational space, including play space within the Town Centre. • Ensure the efficient use of resources for development, during construction and in use. • Ensure that development can adapt to and reduce the impact of climate change. • Ensure development creates a distinctive character that relates well to its surroundings and supports a sense of pride and civic identity. 	The SA should include objectives which address the aims and objectives of PPS 3.
Planning Policy Statement 22: Renewable Energy Internet Link: http://www.communities.gov.uk/pub/910/PlanningPolicyStatement22RenewableEnergy_id1143910.pdf			
Sets out the Government's planning policies for renewable energy.	<p>Regional planning bodies and local planning authorities should adhere to the following key principles in their approach to planning for renewable energy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewable energy developments should be capable of being accommodated throughout England in locations where the technology is viable and environmental, economic, and social impacts can be addressed satisfactorily. • Regional Spatial Strategies and Local Development Documents should contain policies designed to promote and encourage, rather than restrict, the development of renewable energy resources. 	<p>Relationships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to ensure that development incorporates renewable energy technologies, in particular when it satisfies the environmental, economic and social needs of the area. • Opportunities to ensure that new development is designed so that future renewable technologies can be easily incorporated. • Opportunities to incorporate small scale renewable energy technologies in new development. • Opportunities to involve the local community in decision making and the design of renewable energy systems. 	Ensure that the SA has objectives which promote the use of renewable energy technologies.

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Planning Policy Statement 22: Renewable Energy (continued)			
<p>Sets out the Government's planning policies for renewable energy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional planning bodies and local planning authorities should recognise the full range of renewable energy sources, their differing characteristics, locational requirements and the potential for exploiting them subject to appropriate environmental safeguards. • At the local level, planning authorities should set out the criteria that will be applied in assessing applications for planning permission for renewable energy projects. Planning policies that rule out or place constraints on the development of all, or specific types of, renewable energy technologies should not be included in regional spatial strategies or local development documents without sufficient reasoned justification. The Government may intervene in the plan making process where it considers that the constraints being proposed by local authorities are too great or have been poorly justified. • The wider environmental and economic benefits of all proposals for renewable energy projects, whatever their scale, are material considerations that should be given significant weight in determining whether proposals should be granted planning permission. • Regional planning bodies and local planning authorities should not make assumptions about the technical and commercial feasibility of renewable energy projects. Technological change can mean that sites currently excluded as locations for particular types of renewable energy development may in future be suitable. • Small-scale projects can provide a limited but valuable contribution to overall outputs of renewable energy and to meeting energy needs both locally and nationally. Planning authorities should not therefore reject planning applications simply because the level of output is small. • Foster community involvement in renewable energy projects and seek to promote knowledge of and greater acceptance by the public of prospective renewable energy developments that are appropriately located. 	<p>How could the aims be addressed in the AAP?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that all new non-domestic buildings achieve at least a BREEAM 'Very Good' rating and preferably an 'Excellent' rating. • Incorporate, where possible, the use of renewable energy technologies, Combined Heat and Power systems, biomass etc. • Ensure that local community is involved with the design, location and choice of appropriate renewable energy technologies. 	<p>Ensure that the SA has objectives which promote the use of renewable energy technologies.</p>

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Planning Policy Statement 22: Renewable Energy (continued) Internet Link: http://www.communities.gov.uk/pub/910/PlanningPolicyStatement22RenewableEnergy_id1143910.pdf			
Sets out the Government's planning policies for renewable energy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage in active consultation and discussion with local communities at an early stage in the planning process, and before any planning application is formally submitted. 	<i>See previous page.</i>	Ensure that the SA has objectives which promote the use of renewable energy technologies.
Planning Policy Statement 23: Planning and Pollution Control Internet Link: http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/147450			
Sets out Government guidance relating to planning and pollution control.	PPS23 advises that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The planning system plays a key role in determining the location of development which may give rise to pollution, either directly or indirectly, and in ensuring that other uses and developments are not, as far as possible, affected by major existing or potential sources of pollution. The controls under the planning and pollution control regimes should complement rather than duplicate each other. The presence of contamination in land can present risks to human health and the environment, which adversely affect or restrict the beneficial use of land but development presents an opportunity to deal with these risks successfully. Contamination is not restricted to land with previous industrial uses, it can occur on greenfield as well as previously developed land and it can arise from natural sources as well as from human activities. Where pollution issues are likely to arise, intending developers should hold informal pre-application discussions with the LPA, the relevant pollution control authority and/or the environmental health departments of local authorities and other authorities and stakeholders with a legitimate interest. Where it will save time and money, consideration should be given to submitting applications for planning permission and pollution control permits in parallel and co-ordinating their consideration by the relevant authorities. 	Relationships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to ensure that the appropriate pollution prevention control measures are implemented. Opportunities to identify and remediate areas of contaminated land. Conflicts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for new development in the Town Centre to result in pollution. How should the aims be addressed in the AAP? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure consultation is undertaken with the relevant pollution control authorities where pollution issues are likely to arise as a result of development. Ensure that pollution and land contamination risks are fully taken into consideration. Ensure the implementation of the necessary pollution prevention control measures as part of development. Encourage the remediation of land already affected by contamination in accordance with best practice guidance. Ensure the relevant Environment Agency Pollution Prevention Guidelines are adhered to. 	Ensure that the guidance given with PPS23 is taken into consideration during the SA of the AAP.

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Planning Policy Statement 25: Development and Flood Risk			
<p>Sets out the Government's planning policies with regards land use planning and flood risk.</p>	<p>Planning bodies/authorities should prepare and implement planning strategies that help to deliver sustainable development by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appraising risk: • Identifying land at risk and the degree of risk of flooding from river, sea and other sources in their areas. • Preparing Regional Flood Risk Appraisals or Strategic Flood Risk Assessments as appropriate, as freestanding assessments that contribute to the Sustainability Appraisal of their plans. • Managing risk: • Framing policies for the location of development which avoid flood risk to people and property where possible, and manage any residual risk, taking account of the impacts of climate change. • Only permitting development in areas of flood risk when there are no reasonably available sites in areas of lower flood risk and benefits of the development outweigh the risks from flooding. • Reducing risk: • Safeguarding land from development that is required for current and future flood management e.g. conveyance and storage of flood water, and flood defences. • Reducing flood risk to and from new development through location, layout and design. • Incorporating sustainable drainage systems. • Using opportunities offered by new development to reduce the causes and impacts of flooding e.g. surface water management plans; making the most of the benefits of green infrastructure for flood storage, conveyance and SUDS; re-creating functional floodplain; and setting back defences. 	<p>Relationships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to ensure the location of development outside of the floodplain. • Opportunities to incorporate flood protection measures including sustainable drainage systems, which control the water as near to its source as possible. • Opportunities to discourage inappropriate development in areas at risk from flooding. • Opportunities to undertake a flood risk assessment to establish whether the development will increase flood risk, and to ensure that effective measures are proposed to deal with potential effects and risks. • Opportunities to safeguard land from development that may be required for current and future flood management. • Opportunities to reduce potential flood risk to and from development through location, layout and design. • Opportunities for the inclusion of green infrastructure which could help to reduce flood risk. <p>Conflicts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for development to impact upon surface water run-off and flood risk. <p>How could the aims be addressed in the AAP?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a flood risk assessment to establish the impact of development upon flood risk, and ensure implementation of effective measures to deal with potential effects and risks where necessary. • Reduce any potential flood risk from development through location, layout and design and incorporate flood protection measures such as sustainable drainage systems. • Prevent inappropriate development in areas at risk from flooding. • Safeguard land from development that may be required for current and future flood management. • Protect and enhance green infrastructure which could help to reduce flood risk. 	<p>The SA should include objectives which address the aims and objectives of PPS 25.</p>

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Planning Policy Statement 1: Planning and Climate Change - Consultation Document on the Supplement to Planning Policy Statement 1 - (2006) Internet Link: http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1505140			
<p>The consultation document details the draft PPS - Planning and Climate Change which, when finalised, will supplement PPS1. Planning and Climate Change sets out how spatial planning should contribute to reducing emissions and stabilising climate change (mitigation) and take into account the unavoidable consequences (adaptation).</p>	<p>Planning bodies/ authorities should prepare and deliver strategies that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a full contribution to delivering the Government's Climate Change Programme and energy policies, and in doing so contribute to global sustainability. • In enabling the provision of new homes, jobs, services and infrastructure and shaping the places where people live and work, secure the highest viable standards of resource and energy efficiency and reduction in carbon emissions. • Deliver patterns of urban growth that help secure the fullest possible use of sustainable transport for moving freight, public transport, cycling and walking; and, overall, reduce the need to travel, especially by car. • Secure new development and shape places resilient to the effects of climate change in ways consistent with social cohesion and inclusion. • Sustain biodiversity, and in doing so recognise that the distribution of habitats and species will be affected by climate change. • Reflect the development needs and interests of communities and enable them to contribute effectively to tackling climate change. • Respond to the concerns of business and encourage competitiveness and technological innovation. 	<p>Relationships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to improve energy efficiency of buildings and to incorporate renewable energy technologies, which could help reduce the impact of development upon climate change. • Opportunities to reduce energy consumption and resource use resulting from development. • Opportunities to contribute towards the development of a sustainable transport network, which reduces the need to travel by car. • Opportunities to reduce the current and future impacts of climate change through location, layout and design of development. • Opportunities to ensure development can adapt to, and mitigate the effects of climate change through tackling dispersal of development, promoting sustainable design and use of resources and by identifying areas and infrastructure vulnerable to change. <p>Conflicts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for development to result in an increase in energy consumption and resource use. • Potential challenge to reduce private vehicle use. <p>How could the aims be addressed in the AAP?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure development can adapt to and mitigate against the effects of climate change through addressing dispersal of development, promoting sustainable design and use of resources, and by identifying areas and infrastructure vulnerable to change. • Ensure the provision of a sustainable transport network, which encourages walking and cycling, and discourages use of the private car. • Ensure new development achieves BREEAM/Code for Sustainable Homes ratings of at least Very Good/Level 4 as applicable. • Seek to incorporate energy efficient and renewable energy technologies in new development. 	<p>The SA should include objectives which address the objectives of the proposed supplement.</p>

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East Midlands Draft Regional Spatial Strategy Internet Link: http://www.emra.gov.uk/files/file1018.pdf			
<p>Provides the framework for the preparation of structure plans, which set the context for the development of Local Plans and Local Development Frameworks in the East Midlands. Must be taken into account by local authorities in preparing Local Plans and Local Development Frameworks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce social exclusion through: the regeneration of disadvantaged areas, the reduction of inequalities in the location and distribution of employment, housing, health and other community facilities and services, and by responding positively to the diverse needs of different communities. • To protect and enhance the environmental quality of urban and rural settlements to make them safe and attractive places to live, work and invest in, through the promotion of 'green infrastructure'; enhancement of the 'urban fringe', and promotion of high quality design which reflects local distinctiveness. • To improve the health of the Region's residents through improvements in air quality, 'affordable warmth', the availability of good quality housing, and access to health, leisure and recreation facilities and services. • To improve economic prosperity, employment opportunities and regional competitiveness through, the improvement of access to labour and markets, and ensuring that sufficient good quality land and premises are available to support economic activity in sectors targeted for growth by the Regional Economic Strategy. • To improve accessibility to jobs, homes and services through the promotion and integration of opportunities for walking and cycling, promotion of the use of high quality public transport, and encouragement of patterns of new development that reduce the need to travel. • To protect and enhance the environment through the protection, enhancement, sensitive use and management of the Region's natural and historic assets. • Avoidance of significant harm and securing adequate mitigation or compensation for any unavoidable damage, and recognition of the limits to the capacity of the environment to accept further development without irreversible damage. 	<p>Relationships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities through redevelopment to improve access to jobs, services and facilities, which may help to reduce social exclusion and isolation. • Opportunities for the provision of decent, accessible and affordable housing, which addresses current housing need. • Opportunities to protect and enhance the environmental qualities of the Town Centre and the surrounding areas. • Opportunities through regeneration to make the Town Centre a more safe and attractive place to live, work and invest in and to promote high quality design which reflects local distinctiveness. • Opportunities to protect and enhance the green infrastructure within the area. • Opportunities to contribute towards improving health of people in Oadby and Wigston, for example through improvements in housing stock, and ensuring good access to health, leisure and recreation facilities. • Opportunities to provide space for business development (retail/office space etc) which could enhance economic growth and prosperity and create employment opportunities for local people. • Opportunities to improve accessibility to jobs, homes and services through the promotion and integration of opportunities for walking and cycling, promotion of the use for public transport and encouragement of patterns of development that reduce the need to travel. • Opportunities to ensure the protection, enhancement, sensitive use and management of natural and historic assets. • Opportunities to improve energy efficiency of buildings and to incorporate renewable energy technologies, which could help reduce the impact of development upon climate change. • Opportunities to encourage patterns of development which make best use of existing infrastructure and promote sustainable design and construction techniques. 	<p>The SA should include objectives which address the aims and objectives of the RSS.</p>

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East Midlands Draft Regional Spatial Strategy (continued)			
<p>Provides the framework for the preparation of structure plans, which set the context for the development of Local Plans and Local Development Frameworks in the East Midlands. Must be taken into account by local authorities in preparing Local Plans and Local Development Frameworks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To achieve a 'step change' increase in the level of the Region's biodiversity through the management and extension of habitats to secure net gains in biodiversity, and ensuring that no net loss of priority habitats or species is allowed to occur. • To reduce the causes of climate change by minimising emissions of CO₂ through maximising 'resource efficiency' and the level of renewable energy generation. • Making best use of existing infrastructure, promoting sustainable design and construction, and encouraging patterns of new development that reduce the need to travel. • To reduce the impacts of climate change, in particular the risk of damage to life and property from flooding and sea level change and the decline in water quality and resources, through the location, design and construction of new development. • To minimise adverse environmental impacts of new development and promote optimum social and economic benefits through the promotion of sustainable design and construction techniques. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to reduce energy consumption and resource use resulting from development. • Opportunities to ensure development can adapt to, and mitigate the effects of climate change through tackling dispersal of development, promoting sustainable design and use of resources and by identifying areas and infrastructure vulnerable to change. <p>Conflicts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for development to have an adverse impact upon natural and built assets, including biodiversity, resource use and flood risk. • Potential challenge to ensure the environment is protected while providing land for development. • Potential challenge to ensure that development does not exacerbate problems of social exclusion. • Potential for development to result in an increase in energy consumption and resource use. • Potential challenge to reduce private vehicle use. <p>How could the aims be addressed in the AAP?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek to improve access to jobs, services and facilities, which may help to reduce social exclusion and isolation. • Ensure the provision of decent, accessible and affordable housing where appropriate. • Promote high quality design which creates a safe and attractive environment in which to live, work and invest and which reflects local distinctiveness. • Protect and where possible enhance the green infrastructure within the area and seek to encourage biodiversity within these areas. • Consider the role of development in improving health inequalities, for example through improvements in housing stock, and by ensuring good access to health, leisure and recreation facilities. • Consider the need to provide land for business development (retail/office space etc) which could enhance economic growth and prosperity and create long term employment opportunities for local people. 	<p>The SA should include objectives which address the aims and objectives of the RSS.</p>

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East Midlands Draft Regional Spatial Strategy (continued)			
Internet Link: http://www.emra.gov.uk/files/file1018.pdf			
<p>Provides the framework for the preparation of structure plans, which set the context for the development of Local Plans and Local Development Frameworks in the East Midlands. Must be taken into account by local authorities in preparing Local Plans and Local Development Frameworks.</p>	<p><i>See previous page.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek to improve accessibility to jobs, homes and services through the promotion and integration of opportunities for walking and cycling, promotion of the use for public transport and encouragement of patterns of development that reduce the need to travel. • Ensure the protection, enhancement, sensitive use and management of natural and historic assets. • Ensure development can adapt to and mitigate against the effects of climate change through addressing dispersal of development, promoting sustainable design and use of resources, and by identifying areas and infrastructure vulnerable to change. • Seek to incorporate energy efficient and renewable energy technologies in new development. • Encourage patterns of development which make best use of existing infrastructure and promote sustainable design and construction techniques. 	<p>The SA should include objectives which address the aims and objectives of the RSS.</p>
Leicestershire Local Transport Plan 2 (2006) 2006-2011			
Internet Link: http://www.leics.gov.uk/index/highways/transport_plans_policies/ltp/local_transport_plan_pdf_index.htm			
<p>Sets out the transport strategy for Leicestershire over the period 2006-2011.</p>	<p>Aim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To achieve a transport system for Leicestershire which meets our requirements for access and economic development in a way which seeks continuous improvement in sustainability and people's quality of life. 	<p>Relationships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to improve accessibility to jobs, homes and services through the promotion and integration of opportunities for walking and cycling, promotion of the use for public transport and encouragement of patterns of development that reduce the need to travel. • Opportunities to ensure the provision of frequent, accessible and reliable public transport. • Opportunities to improve access to facilities including employment, education, health care and food shopping. • Opportunities to reduce the road casualty rate through implementation of local safety schemes and speed management activities. • Opportunities to reduce the impact of traffic by reducing vehicle speeds and by re-routing the traffic where necessary. 	<p>The SA should include objectives which address the aims and objectives of the Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2.</p>

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Leicestershire Local Transport Plan 2 (2006) 2006-2011 (continued)			
<p>Sets out the transport strategy for Leicestershire over the period 2006-2011.</p>	<p>Long Term Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide the right transport conditions to help economic growth, through continuing emphasis on managing our existing road system effectively so as to reduce congestion and maximise capacity, with the focus on high technology information and control systems; the use of Smarter Choices to influence driver behaviour; continuing emphasis on developing bus services both as a mean of providing access for all and as an alternative to the car in combating congestion; working with the rail industry to ensure that rail services, local and intercity, play their full part; and working both with the rail industry to maximise the use of rail for freight and with the road freight industry to plan improved Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) access with minimum nuisance. • Improve access to facilities for all, through continued investment in bus services, walking and cycling, as well as effective management of land-use planning decisions which affect the geographical relationship of people's homes to the facilities they need to access. • Reduce transport's impact on the environment, through local measures to reduce pollution and traffic nuisance, as well as an increasing contribution to controlling the emission of carbon dioxide. • Keep transport safe, by persisting with and further developing our casualty reduction work over the long-term. • Make sure that our highway assets are properly maintained and renewed for the long term, by using increasingly sophisticated asset management techniques coupled with sustained and cost-effective investment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for the provision of cycling facilities such as cycle storage and showers which could help to encourage cycling. <p>Conflicts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential challenge to encourage use of more sustainable modes of transport and to reduce private vehicle use. • Potential challenge to ensure development does not have an adverse impact upon air quality, specifically transport use associated with development. <p>How could the aims be addressed in the AAP?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek to improve accessibility to jobs, homes and services through the promotion and integration of opportunities for walking and cycling, promotion of the use of public transport and encouragement of patterns of development that reduce the need to travel. • Seek to ensure the provision of frequent, accessible and reliable public transport, to discourage use of the private car which has associated road safety, road congestion and air quality impacts. • Seek to improve access to facilities, including employment, education, health care and food shopping. • Consider the need to implement road safety schemes and speed management activities to help improve road safety and congestion. • Ensure the provision of an integrated network of footpaths and cycleways and associated facilities such as cycle storage and showers which could help encourage use of more sustainable modes of transport. 	<p>The SA should include objectives which address the aims and objectives of the Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2.</p>

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<p>Sets out a number of key priorities for improvement in Leicestershire in relation to health, older people, children and young people, safety, the environment and economic development and enterprise, with a focus upon maximising partnership activity across the county.</p>	<p>Older People:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved quality of life, independence and well-being of older people. Improving the quality of support for older people living at home. Providing a wide range of housing options and increasing safety at home. Maximising income and improving use of income for older people. To reduce smoking prevalence amongst adults and children. <p>Healthier Communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To achieve an improvement in people's health. To increase participation in sport and active recreation. To improve mental health and well-being. To improve access to health services, including sexual health. <p>Children and Young People:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved life chances and better opportunities for vulnerable young people. Improve educational progress and outcomes for all children. Improve physical and mental health of young people. <p>Safer Communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reduce overall crime particularly violent crime, domestic violence and hate crime. To reduce the level of offending by prolific offenders. To build respect in communities and reduce the level of anti-social behaviour. To reduce vulnerability and assist people to feel safe within priority neighbourhoods. <p>Stronger Communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building community cohesion and inclusion and increasing local participation in governance. <p>Cleaner and Greener Communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving waste management in Leicestershire: increasing levels of diversion from landfill, including recycling and composting. 	<p>Relationships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An opportunity to ensure development is accessible to everyone, including the elderly, disabled and young people. Opportunities to provide decent, affordable housing that meets current housing needs. Opportunities through location, layout and design of development to reduce crime, the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. Opportunities to improve provision of services and facilities in the Town Centre. Opportunities to contribute towards improving the health and well-being of people in Oadby and Wigston, for example through improvements in housing stock, and ensuring good access to health, leisure and recreation facilities. Opportunities to improve access to, and provision of, leisure and recreation facilities, to encourage greater participation in sport and active recreation. Opportunities to provide space for business development (retail/office space etc) which could enhance economic growth and prosperity and create employment opportunities for local people. Opportunities to incorporate Secured by Design Principles in new development, which could help to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. Opportunities for community involvement in the AAP and SA decision making process. Opportunities for the provision of appropriate recycling and composting facilities, which could encourage more sustainable waste management practices. Opportunities for sustainable design and construction, including the re-use and recycling of materials, which could reduce energy and resource use. Opportunities for public realm improvements which would help to create a more attractive environment in which to live, work and invest. Opportunities to protect and enhance green infrastructure, and to ensure green space is of a high quality and accessible to all. 	<p>The SA should include objectives which address the objectives and targets of the Local Area Agreement.</p>

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Leicester Principal Urban Area Housing Availability Assessment (2007) Internet Link: http://www.leicester.gov.uk/index.asp?pgid=68341			
Details the housing land availability assessment for the Principal Urban Area (PUA) of Leicester. The study provides an independent assessment of land availability and housing output to meet the draft East Midlands RSS housing target for the Leicester PUA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To focus on the urban renaissance of Leicester as the principal urban city in the sub-region, concentrating housing, economic restructuring and infrastructure in Leicester as a means to securing the regeneration of the intervention areas identified in the Leicester Regeneration Masterplan (2003). • To support the delivery of other brownfield/vacant land identified as having development potential within the wider Leicester PUA. • Recognising that on its own this will not be sufficient to meet the entire housing requirement to 2026; and so secure a managed release of a range of greenfield sites within and adjoining the PUA urban areas as part of planned sustainable urban extensions (SUE). These should maximise the potential of existing and deliverable transport and education infrastructure, access to employment, and provide a range of community infrastructure. 	<p>Relationships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to contribute towards the urban renaissance of Leicester through the regeneration of Wigston Town Centre. • Opportunities to maximise use of brownfield/vacant land identified as having development potential. • Opportunities to improve access to, provision of, transport and education infrastructure, employment and community services and facilities. • Opportunities to provide space for business development (retail/office space etc) which could enhance economic growth and prosperity and create employment opportunities for local people. • Opportunities to protect and improve environmental assets and to mitigate/minimise the impact of development on those assets most affected. • Opportunities through location, design and layout to contribute towards the development of more cohesive communities. 	The SA should include objectives which address the key issues and objectives given in the Housing Availability Assessment.

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<p>Internet Link: http://www.leicester.gov.uk/index.asp?pgid=68341</p> <p>Details the housing land availability assessment for the Principal Urban Area (PUA) of Leicester. The study provides an independent assessment of land availability and housing output to meet the draft East Midlands RSS housing target for the Leicester PUA.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the delivery of employment land and economic transformation to meet the needs of the projected growth in households and population including provision for two strategic employment sites linked to the SUE. • Protect and improve environmental assets and seek to mitigate / minimise the impact on those assets most affected. • Encourage cohesive communities, with a mix of age and tenure groups based within sustainable quality environments and developments that minimise the impact on climate change. • Ensure the delivery of a range and mix of housing including an appropriate amount of affordable housing and family housing. 	<p>Relationships (continued):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for high quality sustainable design, which takes into consideration current and future impacts of climate change. • Opportunities to contribute towards the delivery of a range and mix of housing including affordable and family homes. • Opportunities for improvements to walking, cycling and bus services that could encourage use of more sustainable modes of transport. • Opportunities to provide more sustainable patterns of development that reduce the need to travel. • Opportunities to provide locally available health and community facilities. • Opportunities to provide land for school building and associated facilities where there is a need. • Opportunities for the provision of an adequate supply of open space that is readily accessible and of good quality. • Opportunities for development that attracts the quality of jobs and sustained economic growth required to create the multiplier benefits for the wider community. <p>Conflicts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential conflict between development and the protection and enhancement of natural assets and green space. • Potential challenge to discourage use of the private car. • Potential challenge to ensure the environment is protected while providing land for development. • Lack of availability of land in the Town Centre that could be allocated for housing or employment. <p>How could the aims be addressed in the AAP?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximise use of brownfield/vacant land identified as having development potential. • Seek to improve access to, and provision of education and community services/facilities and employment opportunities. 	<p>The SA should include objectives which address the key issues and objectives given in the Housing Availability Assessment.</p>

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Oadby and Wigston Employment Land Study (2006) Internet Link: http://www.leics.gov.uk/oadby_employment_land_study_2006.pdf			
<p>Assesses the supply of and demand for employment land and premises in the Borough of Oadby and Wigston.</p>	<p>Key recommendations resulting from the study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need to re-consider the Borough's employment land supply situation as the Structure Plan guidance to allocate an employment site of 15ha is questionable. • Allocate a further 4.67-6.02ha of employment land in addition to the existing 1.35ha that is currently available for the period 2005-2016. 	<p>Relationships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to consider the role of the AAP in delivering employment land for the Borough. • Opportunities to prevent the loss of existing employment land and premises. • Opportunities through regeneration to improve the attractiveness of the Borough which should contribute towards the retention and attraction of businesses. 	<p>The SA should include objectives which address the key issues identified in the Employment Land Study.</p>

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Assesses the supply of and demand for employment land and premises in the Borough of Oadby and Wigston.	<p>Key recommendations (<i>continued</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocate more land close to the strategic highway network where possible, including the provision of freehold land and premises. • Make planning policy stronger to prevent the loss of existing employment land and premises to higher value uses. • Assess whether there are other areas of the Borough that are being under used in any way – the Borough has limited land and its use needs to be maximised. • Limit major out of town office development to promote sustainable development. • Maximise public sector support to facilitate the development of serviced offices and managed workspaces. The former to help boost the service sector; focus on the attraction of smaller businesses because of the Borough's accessibility issues, and capitalise on the University of Leicester's presence. The latter recognising the industrial strengths of the Borough. • The feasibility of improving communication networks to Leicester City Centre and the M1 should be considered in conjunction with Leicestershire County Council. • Review and monitor this position and undertake the study again in the future. 	<p>Conflicts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential lack of available of land in the Town Centre that could be allocated for employment land. • Potential for loss of employment land in the Town Centre. <p>How could the aims be addressed in the AAP?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AAP should consider its role in delivering employment land for the Borough. • Ensure no loss of existing appropriate employment land and premises. 	The SA should include objectives which address the key issues identified in the Employment Land Study.
Oadby and Wigston Housing Strategy 2006-2011 Source: Oadby and Wigston Borough Council			
Sets out key objectives, priorities and plans for improving housing within Oadby and Wigston Borough for the period 2006 - 2011.	<p>Strategic Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure the provision of good quality housing for all residents. • To ensure that residential areas are clean, pleasant and safe places to live. • To have strong, healthy communities. <p>Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting the Decent Homes Standard – as a minimum – in both the public and private sectors. 	<p>Relationships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to provide good quality, affordable housing which meets the current needs of the local community. • Opportunities through location, design and layout to create clean, pleasant and safe places to live. Opportunities to ensure housing development meets the Decent Homes Standard, as a minimum requirement, in both public and private sectors. 	The SA should include objectives which address the strategic objectives and priorities identified in the Housing Strategy.

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<p>Source: Oadby and Wigston Borough Council</p> <p>Sets out key objectives, priorities and plans for improving housing within Oadby and Wigston Borough for the period 2006 - 2011.</p>	<p>Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting the Decent Homes Standard – as a minimum – in both the public and private sectors. • Maximising our opportunities for affordable housing within the Borough. • Maximising the use of existing residential and non residential accommodation for housing purposes. • Maximising the opportunities that the regional housing agenda offers to the Borough. • Making effective use of partnership working with local residents, the business community, the public voluntary and private sector and other local authorities. • Provide services that create high public satisfaction, are efficient and offer good value for money. • Tackle Homelessness within the Borough. 	<p>Relationships (<i>continued</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to maximise the use of existing residential and non-residential accommodation for housing purposes. • Opportunities to contribute towards reducing homelessness within the Borough, for example through the provision of good quality temporary supported accommodation where there is a need. <p>How could the aims be addressed in the AAP?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure housing provision is decent, accessible and affordable, and meets the current needs of the local community. • Seek to create a clean, pleasant and safe environment through location, design and layout of development. • Ensure housing development meets the Decent Homes Standard, as a minimum requirement, in both public and private sectors. • Seek to maximise the use of existing residential and non-residential accommodation for housing purposes. • Consider the AAP's role in reducing homelessness in the Borough, for example the provision of good quality, temporary supported accommodation where there is a need. 	<p>The SA should include objectives which address the strategic objectives and priorities identified in the Housing Strategy.</p>