

APPENDIX D- Assessment against Local Plan objectives

The following table assesses whether the 4 Options meet the 14 draft Local Plan objectives.

Where the option meets the objective this is indicated by a '✓' and, where necessary, some supporting text. An entry of 'neutral' indicates that the option is unlikely to have any impact on the objective. Where the Option is unlikely to meet the objective this is indicated by an 'X' and a brief explanation is included.

Local Plan Objective (summary)	Option 2: Core Strategy	Option 4 (variant): Scraftoft North	Option 5: Kibworth North East	Option 6: East of Lutterworth
1 Housing: Meet the housing requirements of the District in full by providing a range of market and affordable housing types, tenures and sizes in appropriate and sustainable locations to meet local needs, recognising the specific accommodation needs of the young and elderly populations	X Fails to meet the requirement for housing land because of a significant shortfall in the requirement for Market Harborough (c 400 dwellings) and Scraproft/ Thurnby/ Bushby (c 100)	✓	✓	✓
2 Employment: Promote sustainable economic growth, by facilitating the sustainable growth of businesses, fostering new local enterprise and helping to create more jobs that meet local employment needs, and reduce need for out-commuting to help increase sustainability and self containment of communities	X Various potential employment allocations identified but option would not deliver level of currently developable employment land required by HEDNA.	X No employment land within SDA and therefore option would not deliver level of currently developable employment land required by HEDNA.	✓	✓
3 Location of development: Locate new development in sustainable locations that respect the environmental capacity of the local area and encourage the appropriate	✓	✓	X Large scale of development for Rural Centre which is likely to increase commuting	✓

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and efficient re-use of previously developed land and buildings				
4 Infrastructure: Support local communities and maintain a high quality of life by ensuring that new development delivers the necessary range of infrastructure	✓	✓	✓	✓
5 Protection of local services: Protect, enhance and, where appropriate, secure the provision of additional accessible community services and local facilities	✓	✓	✓	✓
6 Natural environment: Protect and enhance the quality, diversity, character, local distinctiveness, biodiversity and geodiversity of the natural environment, ensuring that open countryside is protected	X Loss of greenfield land. SA notes moderate negative effects on natural environment across the district.	X Loss of greenfield land, most of Green Wedge and Local Nature Reserve, but potential for a positive effect. SA notes moderate negative effects on natural environment across the district. .	X Loss of greenfield land and potential impacts on relatively sensitive landscape. SA notes moderate negative effects on natural environment across the district.	X Loss of greenfield land and potential impact on SSSI. SA notes moderate negative effects on natural environment across the district and major negative effects at Lutterworth, albeit with potential for positive effects.
7 Historic environment: Protect and enhance the character, distinctiveness and historic significance of settlements and their wider landscape and townscape settings	X Potential impacts across several settlements with Conservation Areas (CAs) and listed buildings. SA notes	X SA notes moderate negative effect overall and for Scraftoft.	X Potential for impacts on Kibworth Harcourt CA / listed buildings and their setting. SA notes moderate negative	X SA notes moderate negative effects overall and in Lutterworth.

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	major negative effect overall.		effect overall and major negative effect in Kibworth.	
8 Town/village centres: Support and enhance the vitality and viability of market town and larger village centres through encouraging retail, leisure and commercial development in appropriate locations and at appropriate scales.	Neutral effect	Neutral effect	✓	✓
9 Design: Ensure that new development is of high quality and sustainable design and promotes sustainable behaviours including waste reduction and non-motorised travel patterns	Neutral effect Other than through general design policy and DM process.	Neutral effect Other than through general design policy and master-planning process at a later stage.	Neutral effect Other than through general design policy and master-planning process at a later stage.	Neutral effect Other than through general design policy and master-planning process at a later stage.
10 Transport: Provide greater opportunities to reduce car use, thereby reducing the impacts of road traffic on local communities, the environment and air quality by locating development where there is good access to jobs, services and facilities, and by supporting improvements in public transport, walking and cycling networks and facilities	✓ Most of development in Market Harborough.	✓ Close to existing services/facilities and employment opportunities within Leicester urban area. Master planning process would need to ensure good cycling and walking linkages.	✓ A6 bypass to remove through traffic and allow downgrading of A6 through village and improvements to walking and cycling networks. However, likely to result in increased commuting out of village.	✓ Spine road through SDA would remove 24-34% through traffic in peak with positive impacts on air quality in Lutterworth town centre. SDA would be located close to employment opportunities and good range of services/facilities.
11 Flood risk: Locate new development in areas which will not put	X Potential flood risk	✓ Potential impacts	✓	✓ Potential flood risk

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life or property at risk of flooding and require the use of appropriate sustainable drainage systems in new developments	issues in Market Harborough, especially close to River Jordan.	downstream in Leicester City would need to be taken into account.		issues but likely to be mitigatable. The EA would require a detailed modelling study prior to any development
12 Environmental impact: Minimise the environmental impact of development and its vulnerability to the impacts of climate change by reducing pollution and waste and promoting use of low carbon technologies	✓	✓	✓	✓
13 Tourism and culture: Promote the sustainable growth of tourism, cultural activities and access to the countryside for benefit of both residents and visitors	Neutral effect	Neutral effect	Neutral effect	Neutral effect
14: Neighbourhood Planning: Encourage and support communities to make decisions at the local level through the preparation of neighbourhood plans	Neutral effect Most development in Market Harborough which is unparished and not proposing a Neighbourhood Plan.	Neutral effect Likely that SDA, being strategic in nature, would be handled through the master planning process, with local community input.	Neutral effect Likely that SDA, being strategic in nature, would be handled through the master planning process, with local community input.	Neutral effect Likely that SDA, being strategic in nature, would be handled through the master planning process, with local community input.
Number of objectives met	5	7	8	9
Number of objectives not met	5	3	3	2