APPENDIX 3

Selby District Draft Core Strategy Sixth & Seventh Set of Proposed Changes

Further Sustainability Appraisal Addendum Report

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Non-Technical Summary

The Selby District Core Strategy will set out the long-term spatial vision, objectives and strategy for the District and provide a framework for delivering development for the period up to 2027. A Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the Draft Core Strategy was undertaken by Waterman Energy, Environment & Design Ltd on behalf of Selby District Council (SDC) in December 2010. The Submission Draft Core Strategy was submitted to the Secretary of State in May 2011. Following an Examination in Public in September 2011, changes, known as the fifth set of changes, were made to the Submission Draft Core Strategy by SDC to address comments and concerns raised by the Inspector. Waterman undertook a SA of the Submission Draft Core Strategy incorporating the fifth set of proposed changes in December 2011. In particular revised Policies CP2 and CP3 and new Policy CPXX were appraised.

Since consultation on the fifth set of changes, new national planning policy has been published and SDC has prepared further sets of changes (the sixth and seventh set of proposed changes) to respond to this new policy as well as address and strengthen the soundness of the Core Strategy as a result of further work undertaken by the SDC. The sixth set of changes was consulted on in June 2012 whilst the seventh set will be consulted on in November 2012. Waterman has therefore undertaken further SA work on the proposed changes.

Before appraising the new and revised policies, Waterman reviewed any changes in planning policy and baseline data to see whether these would change the SA framework against which the Core Strategy is assessed. Whilst there have been significant changes to planning policy, particularly at national level, the key sustainability issues for Selby District remain the same as previously identified in the aforementioned SA Reports of 2010 and 2011 and therefore no changes to the SA Framework were considered to be required. The SA Framework therefore remains set out below:

The SA Framework for the Core Strategy DPD

	Economic	Social	Environmental
SA Objectives	1. Good quality employment opportunities available to all	3. Education and training opportunities to build skills and capacities	10. A transport network which maximises access whilst minimising detrimental effect
	2. Conditions which enable business success, economic growth and investment	4. Conditions and services to engender good health	11. A quality built environment and efficient land use patterns that make good use of derelict sites, minimise travel and promote balanced development
		5. Safety and security for people and property	12. Preserve, enhance and manage the character and appearance of archaeological sites, historic buildings, Conservation Areas, historic parks and gardens, battlefields and other architectural and historically important features and areas and their settings
		6. Vibrant communities to participate in decision-making	13. A bio-diverse and attractive natural environment
		7. Culture, leisure and recreation activities available to all	14. Minimal pollution levels

	Economic	Social	Environmental
SA Objectives		8. Quality housing available to everyone	15. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and a managed response to the effects of climate change
		9. Local needs met locally	16. Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property
			17. Prudent and efficient use of resources

The sixth and seventh set of proposed changes to the Core Strategy were appraised against the above SA Framework. The appraisal found that the changes either had neutral or beneficial sustainability effects. Sustainability implications of the proposed changes to the Core Strategy included:

- Improved compatibility between the revised Core Strategy Objectives and SA Objectives with Core Strategy Objective 12 now considered to be compatible with SA Objectives 4 and 6 due to the specific reference to health facilities and facilitating social interaction which are likely to assist in creating conditions that engender good health and result in vibrant communities;
- More positive effects on community vibrancy and meeting local needs through changes to CP1: Spatial Development Strategy;
- Reduced uncertainty in relation to flood risk from CP7: Travellers due to reference to national planning policy which requires land allocations for traveller communities to consider flood risk;
- Very positive effects on SA Objective 14: Minimal Pollution Levels from the changes in Policy CP15: Low Carbon and Renewable Energy and CP16: Design Quality due to enhanced or additional requirements for developments to consider pollution;
- Slightly positive effects on SA17: Efficient Use of Resources from the changes to CP15: Low Carbon and Renewable Energy due to the requirement to consider agricultural land in the allocation of future development sites;
- Slightly positive effects on SA7: Culture Leisure and recreational Activities as a result of the changes to CP16: Design Quality that encourage Public Rights of Way to be created or improved.

None of the changes were considered to result in any additional potentially negative effects than those identified previously as part of the 2010 SA Report or the 2011 SA Addendum Report. The changes to Policy CP9 which enable employment land to be redeveloped for other purposes if there is no reasonable prospect of it being used for employment, result in an uncertain effect on employment land provision in the medium to long term. However, monitoring the net loss of employment land as proposed by the Core Strategy, should enable additional employment land to be allocated if a shortfall is identified.

Whilst the majority of the sustainability effects were positive or neutral it is not considered that they change the assessment of cumulative impacts presented within the 2010 SA Report or 2011 SA Addendum.

The overall results of the appraisal of the Core Strategy Policies (as amended) are shown in the table overleaf.

The seventh set of proposed amendments to the Core Strategy and this SA Addendum Report will now be formally published for 6 weeks for consultation, after which the Examination in Public will be reconvened in February 2013.

Once the Core Strategy is adopted, a SA/SEA Post Adoption Statement will be prepared, which will explain how the sustainability appraisal and consultation process have influenced the final document. The Post Adoption Statement will also provide details of how monitoring will be carried out during implementation of the Core Strategy DPD.

Summary of SA of the Core Strategy policies (results based on cumulative short, medium and long-term predicted effects)

	SA Objective (abridged)																
Policy	1. Employment	2. Economy	3. Education	4. Health	5. Security	6. Communities	7. Leisure	8. Housing	9. Local Needs	10. Transport	11. Built environment	12. Historic built environment	13. Biodiversity	14. Pollution	15. Climate change	16. Flooding	17. Resources
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CPXX	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	×	-	-	-	-	-	×
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CP2	-	-	?	?	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	?	-	?/ ×	?	?
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CP4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CP5	-	-	-	-	-	✓	-	✓✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	?/ ×	?	?
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CP8	-	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-	✓✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-
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CP10	✓	✓✓	-	-	-	✓	✓✓	-	✓	-	✓		✓	-	-	?	-
CP11	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	✓✓	✓	✓	?	?	-	?	?	×
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CP13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓	-	✓	×	✓✓	-	✓✓
CP14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓✓	-	✓
CP15	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	-	-	-/✓
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✓	Sustainable
?	Effect is uncertain and may depend on how the policy is implemented
-	Neutral
×	Unsustainable
××	Very unsustainable