

Summary of Sustainability Appraisal Implications of the 2022 Main Modifications

An integrated Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the emerging Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2016-2036 ('the Local Plan') is being carried out by LUC in conjunction with Eastleigh Borough Council ('the Council').

A full SA Report was prepared to accompany the Eastleigh Borough Proposed Submission Local Plan at Regulation 19 consultation stage (June 2018).

Following Examination hearings, the Council, with agreement from the Inspector, prepared a schedule of main modifications to the Proposed Submission Local Plan in response to issues raised at Examination, and changes in circumstance since the Proposed Submission Local Plan was produced. In April 2021, LUC prepared an addendum to the 2018 SA in order to consider the implications of the main modifications to the Local Plan proposed at that time.

Having considered the consultation responses received in relation to the 2021 main modifications, the Inspector has now published an updated schedule of main modifications to the Proposed Submission Local Plan. LUC has prepared an updated addendum to the Sustainability Appraisal for the Eastleigh Local Plan, to take into account the March 2022 Main Modifications (Eastleigh Local Plan 2016-2036: Main Modifications, Addendum to the Sustainability Appraisal of the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan (April 2022)). The 2022 SA Addendum represents an update to the SA Addendum prepared in April 2021 and therefore replaces and supersedes that document.

Given the limited scope of changes to the Main Modifications since April 2021, additional implications for the SA are also very limited. None of the changes to the Main Modifications are expected to result in any changes to the SA findings set out in the April 2021 SA Addendum. Nevertheless, in reviewing the Main Modifications again, a change has been made to the SA of cumulative effects for SA objective 1 (Housing), which have changed from significant positive (++) to mixed significant positive and minor negative (++/-), to reflect the fact that, while the Local Plan provides for a substantial amount of housing, it does not identify sufficient land to deliver the full housing target and meeting this is dependent on an early review of the Local Plan.

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