

## **Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for Netley Conservation Area Appraisal Supplementary Planning Document**

### Non technical summary.

In order for the Netley Conservation Area Appraisal to become a Supplementary Planning Document it needs to be put through an integrated SA/SEA. This is to ensure that policies are as sustainable as possible and result in the protection and enhancement of the environment, meet social and economic needs and maintain the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

This environmental report has addressed three options:

1. Do nothing
2. Produce a conservation area appraisal
3. Produce a conservation area appraisal with a Boundary review

The preferred option is **Option 2** the production of a conservation area appraisal as this option is likely to preserve and enhance the heritage of the Borough.

### Consultation

This SA/SEA will be included as an appendix to the main appraisal and will go through the six week consultation process in accordance with the Councils SCI.

The statutory consultees are:

- Natural England
- Environment Agency
- English Heritage
- Secretary of State for Transport

### Scoping Stage

The scoping report for the LDF was put through the formal consultation process of 6 weeks in November 2008 and the comments included. This will form the scoping stage for all LDDs produced within the LDF. It will be taken to Cabinet in February 2009 and formally adopted. The scoping report can be found at:

[www.eastleigh.gov.uk/ebc-3227](http://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/ebc-3227).

Conservation Area Appraisal Objectives:

Objective 1: Offer proposals for improvements to the currently defined area

Objective 2: Define the components that give the area its special character

Objective 3: Review the Boundary

<b>SPD Objectives</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
<b>SA Objectives</b>				
1. Housing. To meet the borough's housing requirements in the South East Plan; ensuring people have the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home.	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Document does not allocate land for development. Any further development should be appropriate to area.
2. Employment and Economy. To strengthen and diversify the borough's economy, ensuring stable levels of employment and economic growth in accordance with requirements of the South East Plan.	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Document does not allocate land for development. Any further development should be appropriate to area.
3. Health and well being. To reduce poverty and social exclusion; ensure adequate provision of community facilities for local needs that are readily accessible to all. To minimize opportunities for crime against people and property, and to reduce the fear of crime.	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

4. Land. To improve efficiency in land use through the reuse of previously developed land.	0	0	0	Does not allocate land for development
5. Natural Resources. To protect and conserve natural resources, prevent pollution and safeguard public health and safety.	0	0	0	
6. Transport Impacts. To reduce road traffic and congestion through reducing the need to travel by car/lorry and improving travel choice.	0	0	0	
7. Energy consumption (nontransport). Promotion of energy efficiency and renewable energy use and the reduction in energy consumption. Enable the community to adapt to and mitigate against climate change	0	0	?	Increasing the boundary would mean more houses will fall under the article 4 direction therefore potential for renewable energy schemes may be restricted due to visual impacts
8. Waste management and minimisation. Promote waste minimisation, reuse, recycling and reducing the amount of waste produced, domestically, commercially and industrially.	0	0	0	
9. Nature Conservation. To protect and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and contribute towards	0	? ✓	? ✓	Defines the setting and outlines the important character to be protected which could have positive impacts for biodiversity through the retention of gardens

national and international biodiversity aims				and other open spaces which define the character of the area.
10. Open space sport and recreation. To maintain and improve the Borough's open spaces, rectify areas of under provision and maximise access.	0	? ✓	? ✓	Adds protection to a larger area which the character may be strongly influenced by areas of open space.
11. Landscape and townscape quality. To protect and enhance the quality and variety of the local environment of the Boroughs townscape and landscape.	0	✓	? ✓	Helps to identify and protect the character of the area
12. Culture and heritage. To preserve, promote and enhance the local architectural and historic heritage.	? ✓	✓	? ✓	Helps to enhance and conserve the character of the area
13. Flood Risk. To minimise risk of flooding throughout the Borough.	0	0	0	

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? **Uncertain overall Effect** Where there is a relationship between a policy and a criterion but the effect is

uncertain. Also where there is a combination of positive and negative effects may the overall effect uncertain

**0 No Impact**

Where there is no direct relationship between a policy and a criterion

Options

The three options for the Netley Conservation Area Appraisal are:

1. Do nothing
2. Produce a conservation area appraisal
3. Produce a conservation area appraisal with a boundary review

SA Objective	Criteria			Significance/ duration/mag nitude	Commenta ry
	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3		
1 Housing. To meet the borough's housing requirements in the South East Plan; ensuring people have the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home.	0	0	0		
2 Employment and Economy. To strengthen and diversify the borough's economy, ensuring stable levels of employment and economic growth in accordance with requirements of the South East Plan.	0	0	0		
3 Health and well being. To reduce poverty and social exclusion; ensure adequate provision of community facilities for local needs that are readily accessible to all. To minimise opportunities for crime against people and property, and to reduce the fear of crime.	0	0	0		
4 Land. To improve efficiency in land use through the reuse of previously developed land.	0	0	0		

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5	Natural Resources. To protect and conserve natural resources, prevent pollution and safeguard public health and safety.	0	0	0		
6	Transport Impacts. To reduce road traffic and congestion through reducing the need to travel by car/lorry and improving travel choice.	0	0	?	Uncertain impact which would be established in the longer term if option was chosen	May restrict the ability of the area to adapt to changing needs
7	Energy consumption (nontransport). Promotion of energy efficiency and renewable energy use and the reduction in energy consumption. Enable the community to adapt to and mitigate against climate change	0	0	? X	Could be a medium term negative impact	Fast changing topic however renewable energy creation can have significant visual impacts on areas of important character
8	Waste management and minimisation. Promote waste minimisation, reuse, recycling and reducing the amount of waste produced, domestically, commercially and industrially.	0	0	0		
9	Nature Conservation. To protect and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and contribute towards national and international biodiversity aims.	0	0	0		
10	Open space sport and recreation. To maintain and improve the Borough's open	0	0	0		

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	spaces, rectify areas of under provision and maximise access.					
11	Landscape and townscape quality. To protect and enhance the quality and variety of the local environment of the Boroughs townscape and landscape.	? X	✓	✓	Long term positive and significant impact	
12	Culture and heritage. To preserve, promote and enhance the local architectural and historic heritage.	? X	✓	✓	Long term positive and significant impact	
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## SEA Directive Requirements

Due to the nature of this document the main links with the area appraisal objectives and the SEA directive topics are: *Cultural heritage including architectural and archaeological, population, human health and material assets.*

## Monitoring

Periodic reviews of conservations areas will be undertaken to assess the suitability of the boundaries and the need for new designations, there are no specific targets or figures which can be collected and monitored frequently. This is outlined in the Council's Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) which is updated every December.

## Conclusions

By undertaking a Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment on the Netley Conservation Area Appraisal SPD, it has been possible to ensure that it is as succinct and as thorough as possible. The chosen option has produced mainly positive and neutral outcomes, with landscape and townscape quality, culture and heritage having positive impacts. The Conservation Area Appraisal will help to ensure that Eastleigh's conservation areas are preserved and enhanced, whilst contributing towards the sustainability objectives of Eastleigh Borough identified in the SA/SEA Scoping Report.