## FLOWCHART: SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL PROCESS

## **ANNEX 2**

## Sustainability appraisal process Local Plan preparation Stage A: Setting the context and objectives, establishing the baseline and deciding on the scope 1. Identify other relevant policies, plans and programmes, and sustainability objectives Evidence gathering and Collect baseline information engagement 3. Identify sustainability issues and problems 4. Develop the sustainability appraisal framework 5. Consult the consultation bodies on the scope of the sustainability appraisal report Stage B: Developing and refining alternatives and assessing effects 1. Test the Local Plan objectives against the Consult on Local Plan in preparation sustainability appraisal framework (regulation 18 of the Town and 2. Develop the Local Plan options including reasonable Country Planning (Local Planning) alternatives (England) Regulations 2012). 3. Evaluate the likely effects of the Local Plan and Consultation may be undertaken more alternatives than once if the Local Planning Authority 4. Consider ways of mitigating adverse effects and considers necessary. maximising beneficial effects 5. Propose measures to monitor the significant effects of implementing the Local Plan Stage C: Prepare the publication Stage C: Prepare the sustainability appraisal report version of the Local Plan Seek representations on the Stage D: Seek representations on the publication Local Plan (regulation sustainability appraisal report from consultation 19) from consultation bodies and bodies and the public the public Submit draft Local Plan and supporting documents for independent examination Outcome of examination Consider implications for SA/SEA compliance Local Plan Adopted Stage E: Post adoption reporting and monitoring 1. Prepare and publish post-adoption statement Monitoring 2. Monitor significant effects of implementing the Local Monitor and report on the implementation of the Local Plan 3. Respond to adverse effects

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