

Appendix I: Statement on Compliance with SEA Directive & Regulations

The EU SEA Directive¹ (Annex 1) requires certain information to be provided in the Environmental Report. This requirement is implemented into UK legislation through the SEA Regulations (2004)². This is Appendix 1 of the Sustainability Appraisal Report that constitutes the Environmental Report as required by the SEA Directive and the UK SEA Regulations.

This Appendix 1 sets out how the requirements for SEA have been met and signposts where this information is found in the Sustainability Report (June 2019) – and in accordance with paragraph 32 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2018)³.

SEA Directive & Regulation Requirements	SA Report Section	Summary of Contents
<i>An outline of the contents, main objectives of the plan and relationship with other relevant plans</i>	Section 1 Introduction	Sets out the Vision and main Objectives of the Dartmoor Local Plan Review
	Section 3 Context & Baseline	Summarises the relationship with other plans and references the detailed review provided in the SA Scoping Report (2017)
<i>The relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without the implementation of the plan</i>	Section 3 Context & Baseline	Summarises the relevant baseline conditions for sustainability (including the state of relevant environmental aspects) in the DLP area. The information is set out in more detail in the SA Scoping Report (2017) that also indicates the likely evolution of current conditions and trends where available
<i>The environmental characteristics of the area likely to be affected</i>	Section 3 Context & Baseline	Summarised in Section 3 of Main SA Report; where relevant and available this information is detailed in the SA Scoping Report

¹ <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eia/sea-legalcontext.htm>

² <http://www.parliament.uk/documents/post/postpn223.pdf>

³ <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/revISED-national-planning-policy-framework>

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<i>Any existing environmental problems which are relevant to the plan including, in particular, those relation to any areas of a particular environmental importance</i>	Section 3 Context & Baseline	Summarises existing sustainability (including environmental problems) for the DLP area. This section also summarises information for Natura 2000 sites in line with Habitats Regulations Assessment requirements (HRA Report available separately, October 2018).
<i>The environmental protection objectives relevant to the plan and the way those objectives and any environmental considerations have been taken into account during its preparation</i>	Section 2 SA Methods Section 3 Context & Baseline	Provides the summary of objectives for sustainability in the DLP area (including environmental objectives) and the implications of these objectives for the DLP (refers to details in the SA Scoping Report 2017); explains how the environmental considerations have been taken into account.
<i>The likely significant effects on the environment including on issues such as biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climatic factors, material assets, cultural heritage including architectural and archaeological heritage, landscape and the interrelationship between the above factors. These effects should include secondary, cumulative, synergistic, short, medium and long-term permanent and temporary, positive and negative effects</i>	Section 2 SA Methods Table 2.1	Presents the SA Framework of objectives that shows which of the issues listed by the SEA Regulations are progressed by which SA objectives. This ensures that all the issues are considered during the assessment of each element of the emerging DLP since each policy & proposal is assessed against each SA objective.
	Sections 5 & 6 & 7 Appendices III to VI	Summarises the likely significant effects of implementing the DLP (including environmental effects) with details provided in the appendices. Where possible, an indication is given of whether the effect is likely to be cumulative, short, medium and long term
<i>The measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan</i>	Sections 5 & 6 & 7 Appendices III to VI	Where potential significant negative effects are predicted the SA has sought to provide suggestions for mitigation possibilities. These are summarised in the main report, detailed in the appraisal matrices that comprise the appendices.

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<p><i>An outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with, and a description of how the assessment was undertaken including any difficulties encountered in compiling the required information</i></p>	<p>Sections 4, 5 & 6 Table 6.2</p>	<p>Options for the spatial strategy were appraised through initial SA (December 2017). Options for site allocations were assessed and reported (Appendix V, 2018). The reasons for progressing options and not taking others forward is set out in Table 6.2.</p>
	<p>Sections 2 & 3 Methods & Context, Baseline</p>	<p>Outlines how the assessment was undertaken – the appraisal methodology and difficulties encountered in compiling information are noted.</p>
<p><i>A description of the measures envisaged concerning monitoring</i></p>	<p>Section 8</p>	<p>Provides measures proposed for monitoring the sustainability (and environmental) effects of the implementation of the DLP.</p>
<p><i>A non-technical summary of the information provided under the above headings</i></p>	<p>Report preface (available separately)</p>	<p>Provides a non-technical summary.</p>