

Hastings Town Centre and White Rock Area Action Plan

Background Paper 1 – Policy Review

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Background Paper 1 forms part of the Council's duty to undertake a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of its Local Plan. This paper contains the reviews of all plans policies, programmes and strategies referred to in Section 2 of the SA Scoping Report, and should be read together with the scoping report, and Background Paper 2 – Baseline Information.
- 1.2 This version of the policy review has been refined from a previous version used in the preparation of the Hastings Planning Strategy (2014) to take account of changing government guidance, and to focus on those policies, plans and programmes that are most relevant to Hastings Town Centre and White Rock Area, and the issues it faces. It is therefore, not an exhaustive review of all potentially relevant policy documents, but rather a “fit for purpose” review.
- 1.3 We will keep this policy context under review, and up date when necessary.

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Appendix A – Review of Plans, Policies and Programmes

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International			
Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development (2002)	<p>Seeks to change unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, which includes the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing corporate social responsibility • Increased use of renewable energy resources, energy efficiency and advanced energy technologies • Protect and manage the natural resource base and particularly sustainable water resources management • Biodiversity <p>http://www.un-documents.net/jburgpln.htm</p>	<p>The SA/SEA framework needs to consider the inclusion of objectives relating to sustainable resource use, support for business innovation, waste reduction, renewable energy, energy efficiency and biodiversity.</p> <p>SA Objectives 9, 12, 14, 15, 16 and 19</p>	<p>AAP can play a role in encouraging more sustainable resource use; encourage development and innovation in renewables and energy efficiency. Biodiversity impact should be taken account of.</p>
Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change (1997) and Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol, 2012	<p>Industrialised countries are encouraged to reduce their emissions under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Limiting the emissions of 6 greenhouse gases including: carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons and sulphur hexafluoride.</p> <p>The Kyoto Protocol set a 5% reduction below 1990 levels for the first commitment period (2008-2012). The UK's commitment under the Protocol was to reduce emissions by 12.5%, this has been achieved reducing by 27% by 2011.</p> <p>A second Kyoto commitment period has been agreed</p>	<p>The causes of greenhouse gas emissions should be addressed and incorporated into the appraisal</p> <p>SA Objective 13</p>	<p>AAP can help reduce carbon emissions by enhancing accessibility, creating well connected places and investigate junction improvements to reduce congestion.</p>

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	<p>(Doho Amendment) from 2013 to 2020, commits countries to a reduction of at least 18% in greenhouse gas emissions on 1990 levels. In the UK there will be reduction covered by the agreement in line with other EU countries.</p> <p>http://unfccc.int/kyoto_protocol/items/2830.php</p>		
European			
Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive (2001/43/EC)	<p>Requires Strategic Environmental Assessment to be undertaken for all relevant policies, plans and programmes – to ensure all environmental effects are identified, assessed and mitigated</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/strategic-environmental-assessment-directive-guidance</p>	All stages of SEA must be documented and SA report should adhere to guidance in practical guide Table 1	SA/SEA must be integral to the plan making process
EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) (2000/60/EC)	<p>The Water Framework Directive (WFD) requires member states to meet the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent deterioration in the status of surface waters and groundwater • Achieve ‘Protected Area’ objectives and standards • Aim to achieve good status for all water bodies • Aim to achieve good ecological potential and good surface water chemical status for artificial and heavily modified water bodies <p>http://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/water-framework/index_en.html</p>	<p>SA objective to improve water quality, reduce water consumption and the risk of pollution to the water environment</p> <p>SA Objective 14</p>	AAP should contribute to improve ecological and chemical quality of coastal water, surface water and groundwater including protecting and managing water resource through the use of sustainable drainage and promoting water efficiency in new developments.

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<p>EU Habitat Directive (EU Directive on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora 92/43/EEC)</p>	<p>The Habitat Directive requires member states to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conserve fauna and flora and natural habitats of EU importance • Establish a network of protected areas to maintain distribution and abundance of threatened species and habitats • Ensure biodiversity through conservation of natural habitats of wild flora and fauna • Take into account economic, social and cultural requirements and regional and local characteristics <p>http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/legislation/habitatsdirective/index_en.htm</p>	<p>Include SA objectives to conserve important natural habitats and improve biodiversity</p> <p>SA Objectives 9 and 11</p>	<p>AAP should be screened for significant impacts on environment under HRA process. Also seek to implement and enhance identified green infrastructure networks to maintain distribution and abundance of species and habitats.</p>
<p>European Communities Directive on the Conservation of Wild Birds. Directive 2009/147/EC (this is the codified version of Directive 79/409/EEC as amended)</p>	<p>The long term protection and conservation of all bird species naturally living in the wild. Requires measures to preserve sufficient diversity of habitats for all species of wild birds and the conservation of habitats of certain particular rare species and migratory species.</p> <p>Target to reverse the long term decline in populations and farmland and woodland birds by 2020.</p> <p>http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/legislation/birdsdirective/index_en.htm</p>	<p>Include sustainability objectives to conserve sufficient habitats important to wild birds</p> <p>SA Objectives 9 and 11</p>	<p>Protect wildlife designated area, e.g. SAC</p>
<p>EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020</p>	<p>Aim to reverse biodiversity loss and speed up the EU's transition towards a resource efficient and green economy set around 6 targets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect species and habitats • Achieve more sustainable agriculture and forestry 	<p>Include SA objectives that protect against biodiversity loss</p> <p>SA objectives 9</p>	<p>The AAP should seek to ensure no net loss of biodiversity or important habitats</p>

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Bathing Water Directive 2006/7/EC	<p>Requires Member States to monitor and assess the bathing waters for at least two parameters of bacteria. They must inform the public about bathing water quality and beach management. The Commission introduced bathing water classification symbols. The BWD complements the Water Framework Directive, and Marine Strategy Framework Directive.</p> <p>http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=URISERV%3Aen0009</p>	<p>SA objectives linked to improving water quality which will support the economy through safe, clean beaches.</p> <p>SA objective 14, 20</p>	<p>AAP should contribute to improve ecological and chemical quality of coastal water, surface water and groundwater including protecting and managing water resource through the use of sustainable drainage and promoting water efficiency on new developments.</p>
EU Waste Framework Directive	<p>Article 4 of the revised EU Waste Framework Directive sets out 5 steps to dealing with waste (waste hierarchy) ranked according to environmental impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention: using less material in design and manufacture, keeping products longer, re-use, using less hazardous materials (top of hierarchy, best outcome); • Preparing for re-use: checking, cleaning, repairing, refurbishing, whole items of spare parts; • Recycling: turning waste into a new substance or product, includes composting if it meets quality protocols; • Other recovery: anaerobic digestion, etc. • Disposal: landfill and incineration without energy recovery <p>Transposed into UK law through The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/waste-legislation-and-regulations#eu-waste-framework-directive</p>	<p>Include SA objectives to manage disposal of waste, and encourage waste reduction</p> <p>SA objective 16</p>	<p>The AAP can promote sustainable design, such as the use of recycled materials, recovery of on-site material and the provision of storage and facilities for waste management on proposed sites.</p>

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National			
National Planning Policy Framework (2012) and accompanying Planning Practice Guidance	<p>Sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied.</p> <p>Sets policies for following subject areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Building a strong, competitive economy 2. Ensuring the vitality of town centres 3. Supporting a prosperous rural economy 4. Promoting sustainable transport 5. Supporting high quality communications infrastructure 6. Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes 7. Requiring good design 8. Promoting healthy communities 9. Protecting Green Belt land 10. Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change 11. Conserving and enhancing the natural environment 12. Conserving and enhancing the historic environment 13. Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals Plan-making <p>Paragraph 23, of the NPPF states:</p> <p>Planning policies should be positive, promote competitive town centre environments and set out policies for the management and growth of centres over the plan period. In drawing up Local Plans, local planning authorities should:</p>	SA objectives to reflect principles of the National Planning Policy Framework	Ensure policies are compliant with the NPPF and a line with the PPG

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●recognise town centres as the heart of their communities and pursue policies to support their viability and vitality; ●define a network and hierarchy of centres that is resilient to anticipated future economic changes; ●define the extent of town centres and primary shopping areas, based on a clear definition of primary and secondary frontages in designated centres, and set policies that make clear which uses will be permitted in such locations; ●promote competitive town centres that provide customer choice and a diverse retail offer and which reflect the individuality of town centres; ● retain and enhance existing markets and, where appropriate, re-introduce or create new ones, ensuring that markets remain attractive and competitive; ●allocate a range of suitable sites to meet the scale and type of retail, leisure, commercial, office, tourism, cultural, community and residential development needed in town centres. It is important that needs for retail, leisure, office and other main town centre uses are met in full and are not compromised by limited site availability. Local planning authorities should therefore undertake an assessment of the need to expand town centres to ensure a sufficient supply of suitable sites; ●allocate appropriate edge of centre sites for main town 		

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	<p>centre uses that are well connected to the town centre where suitable and viable town centre sites are not available. If sufficient edge of centre sites cannot be identified, set policies for meeting the identified needs in other accessible locations that are well connected to the town centre;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●set policies for the consideration of proposals for main town centre uses which cannot be accommodated in or adjacent to town centres; ●recognise that residential development can play an important role in ensuring the vitality of centres and set out policies to encourage residential development on appropriate sites; and ●where town centres are in decline, local planning authorities should plan positively for their future to encourage economic activity. <p>Paragraph 24 of the NPPF states that Local planning authorities should apply a sequential test to planning applications for main town centre uses that are not in an existing centre and are not in accordance with an up-to-date Local Plan. They should require applications for main town centre uses to be located in town centres, then in edge of centre locations and only if suitable sites are not available should out of centre sites be considered. When considering edge of centre and out of centre proposals, preference should be given to accessible sites that are well connected to the town centre. Applicants and local planning authorities should</p>		

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	<p>demonstrate flexibility on issues such as format and scale.</p> <p>Paragraph 70 of the NPPF states, to deliver the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services the community needs, planning policies and decisions should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● plan positively for the provision and use of shared space, community facilities (such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship) and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments; ● guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services, particularly where this would reduce the community's ability to meet its day-to-day needs; ● ensure that established shops, facilities and services are able to develop and modernise in a way that is sustainable, and retained for the benefit of the community; and ● ensure an integrated approach to considering the location of housing, economic uses and community facilities and services. <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2</p> <p>Accompanying Planning Practice Guidance: http://planningguidance.communities.gov.uk/</p>		
Beyond Copenhagen: The UK Government's	Continue with the long term plans to reduce emissions by at least 80% by 2050 on 1990 levels, with	SA objectives to support energy	AAP to locate development in the

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<p>Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services (DCLG)</p>	<p>To halt overall biodiversity loss, support healthy well-functioning ecosystems and establish coherent ecological networks, with more and better places for nature for the benefit of wildlife and people.</p> <p>Action will be delivered in 4 areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a more integrated large-scale approach to conservation on land and at sea • putting people at the heart of biodiversity policy • reducing environmental pressures • improving our knowledge <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/biodiversity-2020-a-strategy-for-england-s-wildlife-and-ecosystem-services</p>	<p>All indicators relating to biodiversity to form part of baseline and trend data. SA objective to protect and enhance biodiversity</p> <p>SA Objective 9</p>	<p>AAP to protect and enhance biodiversity habitats and species – and resist the loss of biodiversity.</p>
<p>UK Post 2010 Biodiversity Framework (2012)</p>	<p>Replaces the UK Biodiversity Action Plan (1994).</p> <p>The 5 strategic goals are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss by mainstreaming biodiversity across government and society • Strategic Goal B: Reduce the direct pressures on biodiversity and promote sustainable use • Strategic Goal C: To improve the status of biodiversity by safeguarding ecosystems, species and genetic diversity • Strategic Goal D: Enhance the benefits to all from biodiversity and ecosystem Strategic Goal 	<p>All indicators relating to biodiversity to form part of baseline and trend data. SA objective to protect and enhance biodiversity</p> <p>SA Objective 9</p>	<p>AAP to protect and enhance biodiversity habitats and species – and resist the loss of biodiversity.</p>

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	<p>A: services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Goal E: Enhance implementation through participatory planning, knowledge management and capacity building. <p>http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/UK_Post2010_Bio-Fwork.pdf</p>		
<p>Natural Environment White Paper – ‘The Natural Choice: securing the value of nature’ (2011)</p>	<p>Reconnecting nature:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Nature Improvement Areas (NIAs), transforming rural and urban areas and providing bigger, connected sites for wildlife to live in and adapt to climate change. • Biodiversity offsetting – new way for developers to ensure wildlife sites are not lost and to make them better by making and improving other sites. • New Local Nature Partnerships to strengthen joined-up action across local agencies and organisations, • Connecting people and nature for better quality of life • Local Green Spaces Designation allowing local communities to give protection to areas that are important to them for recreation, to view or their importance for wildlife. • Better urban green spaces for the benefit of cities and towns. Support for parks, gardens, and tree planting which benefit people and nature alike. • Strengthening local public health activities which 	<p>All indicators relating to biodiversity and green infrastructure to form part of baseline and trend data. SA objective to protect and enhance biodiversity and enhance green infrastructure network</p> <p>SA objectives 9 and 11</p>	<p>The AAP will need to contribute to the green infrastructure network. Ensure no net loss of biodiversity.</p>

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	<p>connect people with nature for better health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new environmental volunteering initiative to improve places in towns and countryside for people and nature to enjoy. <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-natural-choice-securing-the-value-of-nature</p>		
The Culture White Paper, DCMS, (March 2016)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone should enjoy the opportunities culture offers, no matter where they start in life • The riches of our culture should benefit communities across the country • The power of culture can increase our international standing • Culture investment, resilience and reform <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/culture-white-paper</p>	<p>SA objectives to ensure all sectors of the community have improved accessibility to cultural and recreational opportunities. Linked to healthier communities and boosting economic growth.</p> <p>SA objective 2, 5, 20</p>	The AAP will need to support the development of cultural facilities.
Climate Change Act 2008	<p>The Act commits the UK to reducing emissions by at least 80% in 2050 from 1990 levels. The 80% target current accounts for around 20% of the UK's total emissions.</p> <p>https://www.theccc.org.uk/tackling-climate-change/the-legal-landscape/global-action-on-climate-change/</p> <p>The fifth carbon budget (2015) – The next step towards a low-carbon economy</p> <p>No longer available online.</p>	<p>SA objectives to support energy efficiency and low carbon development</p> <p>SA objective 15</p>	The AAP to require new development to be sustainably designed utilising the energy hierarchy.

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Flood and Water Management Act (2010)	<p>The Act gives the Environment Agency a strategic overview of the management of flood and coastal erosion risk in England, and County Council's responsibility for preparing strategies for managing flood risk in their areas. It also refers to provision of sustainable drainage, reservoirs, provision of infrastructure and charges.</p> <p>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/29/schedule/3</p>	<p>SA objectives to ensure reduced water consumption reducing and improving water quality</p> <p>SA objective 10, 14</p>	<p>AAP developments to reduce water consumption and prevent surface water and foul water flooding. Provision of sustainable drainage to reduce surface water run-off and reduce flooding when allocating sites.</p>

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Waste Management Plan for England (2013), Defra	<p>This Plan supersedes the Waste Strategy 2007. The Plan meets the requirements of Article 28 of the revised Waste Framework Directive and reports progress on the Waste Strategy 2007:</p> <p>The main elements of the Waste Strategy 2007 are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • incentivise efforts to reduce, re-use, recycle waste and recover energy from waste; • reform regulation to drive the reduction of waste and diversion from landfill while reducing costs to compliant businesses and the regulator; • target action on materials, products and sectors with the greatest scope for improving environmental and economic outcomes; • stimulate investment in collection, recycling and recovery infrastructure, and markets for recovered materials that will maximise the value of materials and energy recovered; and • improve national, regional and local governance, with a clearer performance and institutional framework to deliver better coordinated action and services on the ground. <p>KWWSV_ZZZ_JRY_XN_JRYHUQPHQW_SXEOLFDWLRQV_ZDVWH_PDQDJHPHQW_SODQ_IRU_HQJODQG</p>	<p>SA objectives to address waste hierarchy and recognise the wider environmental and economic benefits of sustainable waste management</p> <p>SA objective 16</p>	<p>The AAP can encourage sustainable design principles and the use of the waste hierarchy in new development.</p>
Skills for Sustainable Growth (BIS, 2010)	<p>This strategy sets out reform to the skills system to deliver skills for sustainable growth and extending social mobility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairness – skills play an important role in creating a fairer society by promoting social 	<p>Monitoring skills levels through sustainability indicators, linking to SA objectives on access to employment</p>	<p>Recognise the importance of skills improvements and its implications for economic growth and</p>

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	<p>inclusion and social mobility;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsibility – The government cannot tackle the skills challenge on its own. Employers and citizens must take greater responsibility for ensuring their own skills needs are met; • Freedom – control should be devolved from central government to citizens, employers and communities so they can play a greater role in shaping services to ensure that they meet their needs efficiently. <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/skills-for-sustainable-growth-consultation-on-the-future-direction-of-skills-policy</p>	SA objective 3, 4, 18	employment opportunities
Fixing the foundations: creating a more prosperous nation, (HM Treasury, 2015)	<p>Sets out the governments long-term strategy for productivity growth in a 15 point plan, centred around two key pillars: encouraging long-term investment, and promoting a dynamic economy.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fixing-the-foundations-creating-a-more-prosperous-nation</p>	<p>Encouraging investment in local businesses and sustainable economic growth to be supported by SA objectives</p> <p>SA objective 21</p>	AAP should facilitate cultural and leisure development to support economic growth, as well as allocating sites for retail uses.
Warm homes, green homes: A Strategy for Household Energy Management (DECC, 2010)	<p>Sets out the Government’s Strategy to help people make their homes more comfortable in cold weather, reduce energy use and save money, and make greater use of small scale renewable and low carbon sources of energy. Includes in its vision the wider take up of district heating in urban areas, commercial and public - to include advanced measures such as solid wall insulation or heat pumps alongside smart meters and more basic measures</p>	<p>Include SA objective to support renewable energy & low carbon energy initiatives and eco-retrofit of existing buildings especially housing</p> <p>SA objective 15</p>	Ensure any new homes delivered through the AAP will be built to a decent standard and are energy efficient.

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	http://www.housinglin.org.uk/library/Resources/Housing/OtherOrganisation/warm_homes_greener_homes.pdf		
draft Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy (DfT, 2016)	<p>This Strategy is currently being consulted on, but sets out the Governments ambition for walking and cycling. There ambition for England is: <i>“We want to make cycling and walking the natural choice for shorter journeys, or as part of a longer journey”</i> and have the following objectives and targets to 2040:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double cycling, where cycling activity is measured as the estimated total number of bicycle stages made each year, from 0.8 billion stages in 2013 to 1.6 billion stages in 2025; • Reverse the decline in walking activity, measured as the total number of walking stages per person per year; • Reduce the rate of cyclists killed or seriously injured on England’s roads, measured as the number of fatalities and serious injuries per billion miles cycled, each year; • Increase the percentage of children aged 5 to 10 that usually walk to school. <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/512895/cycling-and-walking-investyment-strategy.pdf</p>	<p>SA objectives that promote non-car based forms of transport, linked to reduced road congestion, pollution levels and improved health</p> <p>SA objective 2, 17</p>	<p>AAP to give consideration to possible pedestrian / cycling routes to improve connectivity of key sites, facilities.</p>
The UK Low Carbon Transition Plan (2009)	This Plan sets out the UK Governments 5 point plan to tackling climate change, and how they will meet the	SA objectives to reduce carbon emissions promote sustainable transport and improve	Ensure development is adapted to climate change within the AAP area. Locate

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	<p>34% cut in emissions on 1990 levels by 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting the public from immediate risk • Preparing for the future • Limiting the severity of future climate change through a new International climate agreement • Building a low carbon UK • Supporting individuals, communities and businesses to play their part. <p>The Plan is an overarching document and sits alongside more detailed documents, including Low Carbon Transport – a Greener Future (DfT), the UK Low Carbon Industrial Strategy (BIS and DECC), and the UK Renewable Energy Strategy (DECC).</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/228752/9780108508394.pdf</p>	<p>air quality, links to adaptation and climate change.</p> <p>SA objectives 12, 13, 15</p>	<p>development in the most sustainable locations and reduce the need to travel by car.</p>
The Renewable Energy Strategy (2009)	<p>This Strategy sets out how the UK government will increase use of renewable electricity, heat and transport to meet legally-binding targets to ensure 15% of energy comes from renewables by 2020. This is linked to climate change and reducing UK's emissions of carbon dioxide, promote security of energy supplies, and reducing demand for fossil fuels.</p>	<p>SA objectives to reduce carbon emissions through increase use of renewable energy</p> <p>SA objectives 12, 13, 15</p>	<p>AAP to give consideration to the use of renewable energy, such as CHP and district heat networks where there is sufficient heat load within new development.</p>

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	https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/228866/7686.pdf		
Stern Report – Review of the Economics of Climate Change (2006)	<p>Report concludes that adaption could reduce costs of climate change, provided policies are put in place to overcome obstacles to private action. Market forces alone are unlikely to lead to efficient adaptation because of a certain degree of uncertainty in projections and financial resources</p> <p>http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20080910140413/http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/independent_reviews/stern_review_economics_climate_change/stern_review_report.cfm</p>	<p>SA objectives to include climate change mitigation and adaptation</p> <p>SA objective 13</p>	<p>AAP to ensure suitable climate change adaptation measures, such as energy and water efficient buildings is incorporated into new development.</p>
Air Quality Strategy for England (Defra, 2007)	<p>The Air Quality Strategy sets out air quality objectives and policy options to further improve air quality in the UK over the long-term.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/69336/pb12654-air-quality-strategy-vol1-070712.pdf</p>	<p>SA objectives for achieving acceptable levels of airborne pollutants to form part of SA framework/ monitoring</p> <p>SA objective 12</p>	<p>To include measures that contribute to the reduction to acceptable levels of the 7 pollutants that are the responsibility of local authorities</p>

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The Pitt Review: Learning Lessons from the 2007 Floods	<p>Following significant flooding in the summer of 2007, the Government commissioned Sir Michael Pitt to undertake an independent review into the lessons learnt. The report outlines 92 recommendations, of which 21 specifically relate to local authorities and their functions. The report has shaped the way flood risk is now managed throughout England and recommends that all developments incorporate sustainable drainage to reduce flood risk.</p> <p>http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20100807034701/http://archive.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/pittreview/the-pitt-review/final_report.html</p>	<p>SA objectives to reduce the risk of flooding from development. Linked to improved water quality.</p> <p>SA objective 10, 14</p>	<p>AAP to ensure new development incorporates the use of sustainable drainage and other measures, where appropriate to reduce the risk of flooding.</p>
Safeguarding our Soils: A Strategy for England (Defra, 2009)	<p>Provides a vision that by 2030, all soils in England will be managed sustainably and degradation threats tackled successfully.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-our-soils-a-strategy-for-england</p>	<p>Relevant to environmental SA objectives</p>	<p>AAP to consider the use of previously developed land, ensuring the remediation of potential contaminated land.</p>
Regional / Catchment			
South East Local Enterprise Partnership – East Sussex Growth Deal	<p>SELEP Strategic Economic Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing Transport Connectivity • Increasing business support and productivity • Raising local skills levels • Supporting housing and development <p>Government gives a provisional allocation to the following projects starting in 2016-17 and beyond in Hastings:</p>	<p>SA objective which support new jobs and economic growth</p> <p>SA objectives 4, 5, 18, 19, 20</p>	<p>Consideration given to AAPs support in the accelerated delivery of projects with growth deal funding.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Hastings and Bexhill walking and cycling package • A Hastings and Bexhill junction capacity and improvement package <p>http://www.southeastlep.com/</p>		
South East England Biodiversity Strategy (2009)	<p>Provides a framework for the delivery of biodiversity targets that guide and support all those who have an impact on biodiversity in the region, and seeks to embed a landscape scale approach to restoring whole ecosystems and create the space needed for wildlife to respond to climate change.</p> <p>Supported by Biodiversity Opportunity Area Statements – BOAs in the Hastings Borough: Combe Haven and Marline, Hastings Fringe, Romney Marsh area.</p> <hr style="border: 1px solid blue;"/> <hr style="border: 1px solid blue;"/>	<p>SA objectives to protect and enhance biodiversity</p> <p>SA Objective 9</p>	<p>Policies to support greenspace networks and enhancement of biodiversity in Hastings</p>
South East River Basin District – River Basin Management Plan (Updated December 2015)	<p>The RBMP aims to provide a framework for protecting and enhancing the benefits provided by the water environment and informs decisions in land-use planning.</p> <p>The RBMP focuses on four areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline classification of water bodies, aims to prevent deterioration; • The Plan highlights areas of land and water bodies that have specific uses and need protection; 	<p>SA objective to improve water quality, reduce water consumption and the risk of pollution to the water environment</p> <p>SA Objective 14</p>	<p>AAP should contribute to improve ecological and chemical quality of coastal water, surface water and groundwater including protecting and managing water resource through the use of sustainable drainage and promoting water efficiency on new</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Plan sets out legally binding objectives for each quality element in every water body. The default objective is achieving 'good' status by 2021. <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/500473/South_East_RBD_Part_1_river_basin_management_plan.pdf</p>		
Southern Water - Water Resource Management Plan (2015-2040) & Drought Plan (2013-16).	<p>The WRMP sets out how Southern Water plans to secure a reliable water supply in Kent, Sussex, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight over the next 25 years.</p> <p>The WRMP includes several schemes to reduce water loss through leakage, reduce average water use of customers, investment in a number of significant schemes to secure new water resources including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leakage reduction in Hastings by 2019 to save 0.4 million litre of water each day. Water efficiency scheme in schools and businesses in Hastings by 2017. <p>The Drought Plan sets out what actions Southern Water will take in the event of a drought.</p> <p>https://www.southernwater.co.uk/media/1332/dwrmp19-technical-overview.pdf</p>	SA objectives to ensure efficient use of water SA objective 14	AAP will need to promote the efficient use of water within new development.
Cuckmere and Sussex Havens Catchment Flood Management Plan (EA, 2009)	This Plan should be used to inform planning and decision making. Hastings is covered by preferred policy area 4, which states: "areas of low, moderate or high flood risk where we are already managing the flood risk effectively, but where we may need to take further actions to keep pace with climate change. The	Relates to SA objectives that seek to minimise risk of flooding and adapts to climate change	This study should be taken into consideration when looking at sites for development purposes. Incorporate sustainable

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	<p>main risk is from surface water flooding.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cuckmere-and-sussex-havens-catchment-flood-management-plan</p>	SA objectives 10 and 13	drainage into new development, where appropriate to reduce flood risk.
Local			
East Sussex County Council			
East Sussex County Council Plan 2016/17	<p>Sets out four overarching priority outcomes to 2019: driving economic growth, keeping vulnerable people safe, helping people help themselves, and making best use of resources. The plan sets out a number of delivery outcomes under each overarching priority.</p> <p>https://new.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/about/keydocuments/councilplan</p>	<p>SA objectives support economic growth, safe and attractive environments, and the efficient use of natural resources.</p> <p>SA objectives 2, 6, 8, 16, 19, 20</p>	Policies need to support overarching priorities set out within ESCCs Plan.
East Sussex, South Downs and Brighton & Hove Waste & Minerals Local Plan (adopted 19 February 2013) and emerging Waste and Minerals Site Plan (consultation 28 October-23 December 2015) and accompanying Policies Map	<p>Detailed land-use planning policy framework for the management and disposal of waste in the County. Aims to balance the need of waste management facilities with the need to protect the environment, and to balance the essential need for minerals against the protection of the environment and local amenity and considering mitigating & adapting to climate change.</p> <p>https://new.eastsussex.gov.uk/environment/planning/development/mineralsandwaste/</p>	<p>SA objectives to support 3 key principles: reduce, re-use and recycle waste</p> <p>SA objective 16</p>	Policies need to accord with adopted policies in the Waste & Minerals Local Plan with consideration to the saved policies in the Waste Local Plan (2006) and Minerals Local Plan (1999) and the emerging Waste and Minerals Site Plan

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<p>East Sussex County Council Waste Development Framework & Brighton and Hove City Council Local Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document (SPD): Construction and Demolition Waste (2005)</p>	<p>Objectives of the SPD are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Local Plan/LDF policies • Provide practical guidance to developers to reduce, reuse and recycle construction and demolition waste • Reduce quantities of this waste being sent to landfill • Influence design to achieve waste minimisation • Improve awareness of sustainable construction techniques • Provide guidance in construction and demolition waste management <p>https://new.eastsussex.gov.uk/environment/planning/development/mineralsandwaste</p>	<p>Relates to sustainability appraisal objectives relating to waste reduction and use in new development</p> <p>SA objective 16</p>	<p>To ensure that related developments adhere to the requirements set by the SPD.</p>
<p>Pride of Place – A Sustainable Community Strategy for East Sussex</p>	<p>Pride of Place focuses on the issues and priorities that local people have told us they are most concerned about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing our economy, creating jobs and increasing prosperity. • Providing high quality education, learning and skills opportunities. • Improving travel choices and access to services. • Providing high quality affordable housing. • Protecting our natural and built environments and adapting and responding to climate change. • Improving health and well-being. • Ensuring people and communities are safe and secure. 	<p>Relevant to all of the sustainability objectives</p>	<p>These priorities will need to be taken into account in formulating the AAP policies.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating strong communities and community leadership. • Enabling people to enjoy culture, sports and leisure. • Supporting older people, children, young people and carers. <p>http://www.essp.org.uk/What-we-do/Pride-of-Place.aspx</p>		
East Sussex Environment Strategy (July 2011)	<p>The Environment Strategy sets out strategic principles for the environment and climate change to 2028 within East Sussex.</p> <p>Key aims of the strategy is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimising the amount of waste created and getting more waste re-used and recycled • Reducing carbon emissions and the use of fossil fuels • Improving habitats to reverse and prevent the loss of plant and animal species • Creating healthy seas and sustainable fisheries • Promoting the use of open spaces for healthy and active lifestyles • Promoting the economic value of the environment and its opportunities for growth in jobs and prosperity. <p>https://new.eastsussex.gov.uk/environment/priorities/environmentstrategy</p>	<p>Ensure links between the environment and health are considered, as well as the role of the environment in the economy. Links to climate change and resource efficiency</p> <p>SA objectives 2, 5, 11 and 13</p>	<p>Ensure policies seek to protect and enhance the environment, and recognise the role the environment plays in supporting economic development</p>
East Sussex County Council - Climate Change	<p>The overall aim is to: “Promote the prosperity and wellbeing of our community</p>	<p>SA objectives should seek to mitigate and</p>	<p>Climate change should be integral to the</p>

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Strategy (2009)	<p>by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change, and to enable individuals and organisations to tackle and adapt to climate change". This will be achieved by addressing the following 4 themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bringing climate change into the mainstream of work • Engaging with new and existing partner organisations and the public • Reduce greenhouse gas emissions • Create a community that can adapt to the changing climate <p><u>No longer available online</u></p>	<p>adapt to impacts of climate change, promote use of renewable and low carbon energy, improve energy efficiency.</p> <p>SA Objective 13 and 15</p>	<p>overall aims and policies within the AAP.</p>
<p>East Sussex Local Transport Plan – LPT3, 2011 to 2026 and accompanying Implementation Plan</p>	<p>High level LTP3 objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve economic competitiveness and growth • Improve safety, health and security • Tackle climate change • Improve accessibility and enhance social inclusion • Improve quality of life <p>More locally the strategy sets out the main transport challenges and issues in Hastings / Bexhill and an approach to delivering infrastructure to achieve sustainable economic growth.</p> <p>https://new.eastsussex.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/localtransportplan/ltp3/downloadltp3</p>	<p>SA objectives to promote sustainable transport and improve air quality</p> <p>SA objectives 2, 12, 17.</p>	<p>Locate development in the most sustainable locations and reduce the need to travel by car.</p>

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East Sussex Cultural Strategy (2013-2023)	<p>The purpose of this Strategy is to identify reasonable steps which can be taken to better understand, support and grow the cultural sector within East Sussex based on three identified complementary and interdependent priorities:</p> <p>Priority 1: Create an environment where great cultural experiences are available to everyone to enhance their quality of life;</p> <p>Priority 2: Create an environment which enables the cultural and creative economy to expand and enhances our ability to attract and retain other businesses</p> <p>Priority 3: Develop and promote well packaged cultural tourism offers which celebrate the identity of East Sussex, raise its profile and attract more visitors and businesses to the County.</p> <p>https://eastsussexgovuk.blob.core.windows.net/media/1320/countywide-cultural-strategy-ebook.pdf</p>	<p>SA objectives to improve cultural and recreational opportunities, linking to improving quality of life and social regeneration</p> <p>SA objectives 5, 7 and 20</p>	<p>AAP to contribute to providing access to cultural facilities and promoting the contribution to the local economy</p>
East Sussex Safer Communities Partnerships' Business Plan 2015 to 2016	<p>Priorities for the partnership are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and protect vulnerable victims of anti-social behaviour and hate crime • Ensure residents and communities are free from domestic abuse and are less socially tolerant of it. • Work in partnership to identify offenders and re-offenders to address their needs, change their behaviour etc. • Continue to reduce first time entrants into the criminal justice system 	<p>Sustainability objectives to include social consideration associated with crime and fear of crime</p> <p>SA objective 6</p>	<p>AAP to take into account “secure by design” principles and seek to reduce crime and fear of crime, particularly in specified areas</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing violent extremism • Road safety • The safety and wellbeing of people who experience sexual violence • Partnership working with local services to meet the needs of street community. • Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and social harms caused by substance misuse. 		
East Sussex Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2013-2016	<p>This strategy will work towards achieving the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish and maintain effective partnerships with key organisations and local communities in order to develop collective knowledge, share best practice and secure funding for local flood risk management measures. • Improve the evidence base and understanding of local flood risk to ensure that limited resources are targeted in the areas of highest risk and vulnerability. • Empower local communities and land owners to take action in order to be prepared for and limit the impacts of flooding. • Avoid increasing flood and coastal erosion risk by encouraging best practice for the maintenance of assets and preventing inappropriate development. • Work in partnership to deliver cost-effective flood and coastal erosion risk management measures 	<p>SA objectives to ensure sustainable developments avoid increasing flood risk mitigate against the effects of climate change.</p> <p>SA objectives 10, 13</p>	<p>AAP to ensure new development incorporates the use of sustainable drainage and other measures, where appropriate to reduce the risk of flooding.</p>

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	<p>which take a catchment wide approach and contribute to wider social, economic and environmental benefits.</p> <p>https://new.eastsussex.gov.uk/environment/flooding/localfloodriskmanagementstrategy</p>		
Hastings Borough Council			
<p>Hastings and Rother Task Force – Strategic Priorities (Six Point Plan) 2012</p>	<p>Sets out key strategic priorities for Hastings and Rother Councils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban renaissance • Transport • Skills • Broadband • Enterprise growth • Image <p>https://www.hastings.gov.uk/content/planning/planning_policy/local_plan/evidence_base/pdfs/information/Six_Point_Plan_July_2012.pdf</p>	<p>SA framework to reflect vision, and address issues identified.</p> <p>Relevant to all SA objectives</p>	<p>These priorities will need to be taken account in formulating the AAP policies.</p>

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Hastings & St Leonards Sustainable Community Strategy 2009-2026	<p>Sets out the vision for “the renaissance of Hastings through social, economic, cultural, and environmental regeneration”. The strategy seeks to focus efforts on 8 key themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A safer town • An economically successful town • A learning town • An inclusive town • A healthier town • A town with a decent home for everyone • A town that’s good to live in • A town where we protect our environment <p>http://www.hastings.gov.uk/decisions_democracy/how_we_make_decisions/policies_strategies/community_strategy/</p>	<p>SA Framework to reflect relevant issues and targets</p> <p>Relevant to all SA objectives</p>	<p>The Area Action Plan will help to deliver elements of the Sustainable Community Strategy</p>

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<p>Hastings Borough Council Corporate Plan and Service Priorities (2015/16 – 2017/18)</p>	<p>The Corporate Plan sets out the Council's vision for Hastings, Council's Mission, and Values, these are supported by the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic and physical regeneration • Cultural regeneration • Intervention where it's needed • Creating decent homes • An attractive town • A greener town • Transforming the way we work <p>http://hastings.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s6511/Appendix%20A%20-%20draft%20corporate%20plan%20201516%20-%20201718.pdf</p>	<p>SA objectives that stimulate sustained economic growth of the Borough, linking closely to social regeneration.</p> <p>Relevant to all SA objectives</p>	<p>AAP to promote and support high quality physical and economic development that stimulated economic growth and job opportunities for local people. Promote environmentally sustainable regeneration.</p>
<p>Hastings Planning Strategy (2014)</p>	<p>The Hastings Planning Strategy sets out a long-term regeneration-led plan to deliver sustainable growth to 2028. The strategy has been developed around a set of core objectives. Objective 1 includes the provision of 20,500m² of retail floorspace primarily in the town centre (FA3). Policy FA3 also seeks to deliver c.21,700m² (net) employment floorspace at Priory Quarter by 2028</p> <p>Objective 7 supports the growth and development of the tourism industry in Hastings, seeking a range of day long and year round activities and facilities to attract residents, workers and tourists to the Town Centre and is supported by Policy E4 (Tourism and Visitors).</p> <p>Policy DS3 establishes the hierarchy of town, district</p>	<p>SA objectives to support economic revival and growth encouraging inward investment to the town centre. Improving access to jobs, services and facilities.</p> <p>SA objective 5, 7, 18, 19, 20</p>	<p>Potential policies and allocations should seek to improve the economic performance and regeneration of the Hastings Town Centre and White Rock Area, stimulate inward investment making land and property available for development.</p>

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	<p>and local centres in Hastings, with the Town Centre being the principal centre and compliments policy E3 which seeks to safeguard the retail character and function of the town centre and encouraging a diverse range of uses.</p> <p>http://www.planvu.co.uk/hbc2015/contents_written.htm</p>		
Development Management Plan (2015)	<p>The Development Management Plan follows from, and compliments the Hastings Planning Strategy and sets policy for specific site allocations and gives specific consideration to design, amenity and access.</p> <p>The DM Plan describes 13 character areas, providing a Vision for each. Focus Area 8 Hastings Town Centre identifies considerable redevelopment opportunities within this area for employment, retail and leisure uses. New residential development is also sort within Hastings Town Centre of 200-240 units up to 2028.</p> <p>Policy SA1 focuses on Hastings Town Centre shopping area and seeks to protect A1 use classes and the vitality and viability of the town centre shopping area as a whole.</p> <p>The Development Management Plan seeks to concentrate cultural activities within the White Rock and American Ground Cultural Quarter, which includes Robertson Street and the Academic Cultural Quarter which includes the Priory</p>	<p>SA objectives to support community access to services, facilities and cultural activities. Access to sustainably constructed homes. Ensure locally distinctive neighbourhoods.</p> <p>SA objectives 1, 5, 7, 18, 19, 20</p>	<p>The AAP will need to review and take account of specific Development Management policies relevant to the AAP area.</p>

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	Quarter site (site allocation HTC6). https://www.hastings.gov.uk/planning/policy/adoptedlocalplan/dmp/earlierstages/		
Hastings & St Leonards Town-wide Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan (2012)	This strategy sets out a vision, and concentrates on ten climate change themes, including an Action Plan. The vision is for Hastings and St Leonards is of a sustainable resource efficient, low carbon town, optimising the opportunities for greening the economy, whilst protecting residents from the impacts of a changing climate including extreme weather. The strategy aims to inspire and encourage behavioural change, providing locally focussed actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and resilience to the impacts of climate change in the future. http://www.hastings.gov.uk/decisions_democracy/how_we_make_decisions/policies_strategies/climate_change_strategy/	SA objectives to ensure sustainability constructed buildings. Buildings are used more efficiently, notably energy and water use, risk of flooding is reduced and managed. Air pollution is reduced. Consideration given to adaptation and mitigation to the impacts of climate change. Water quality is improved. SA objectives 1, 8, 10, 13	Climate change should be integral to overall aims and policies in the Plan.
Hastings Empty Homes Strategy 2009-2013	Sets out revised strategy for bringing empty homes back into use. Key objectives are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To prevent homes from becoming long term empty • To bring long term empty homes back into use (empty over 2 years) • Increase the amount of decent, affordable housing for those in housing need 	SA objectives to ensure land and buildings are used more efficiently and the best use is made of previously developed land SA objectives 8	AAP to utilise previously developed land and buildings, promoting neighbourhood renewal.

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	https://www.hastings.gov.uk/housing/improvement/empty_homes/		
Hastings & St Leonards Housing Strategy 2015-18	<p>With the long term vision of ensuring a wide range of housing is available to meet all tastes and requirements and the overall aim to provide decent, high quality, affordable and secure homes for the people of Hastings and St Leonards.</p> <p>Three strategic priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet Housing Needs and Aspirations • Improve Access and Opportunities • Support Economic Regeneration 	<p>SA objectives to deliver decent, sustainably constructed affordable homes, reduce fuel poverty, health is improved. Improve and make best use of existing housing stock.</p> <p>SA objectives 1, 2, 3, 8, 13, 15</p>	<p>If the AAP allocates any sites for housing, consideration needs to be given to decent, high quality housing.</p>
Hastings & St Leonards Homelessness Strategy 2016-2018	<p>The Strategy identifies three strategic priorities to focus on in the next two years (and is supported by an Action Plan):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent and minimise homelessness; • Improve access to good quality, well managed accommodation in the private rented sector • Work jointly to deliver quality housing and support services. <p>http://hastings.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=130&Mid=1639&Ver=4</p>	<p>SA objectives to deliver sustainably constructed and affordable homes to meet the needs of the community. Link to quality of life and broader principles of sustainable development</p> <p>SA objectives 1 and 7</p>	<p>If the AAP allocates any sites for housing, consideration needs to be given to securing decent, high quality housing.</p>
Hastings and St. Leonards Anti-Poverty Strategy (2011)	<p>The aim of the Anti-Poverty Strategy is to coordinate activity that intervenes to tackle poverty. The strategy includes the following objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dispel the Myths about Poverty 2. Help People to Manage Poverty 3. Help People to Escape Poverty 	<p>SA objectives to support affordable homes, health and well-being of the population. Opportunities for everyone to acquire</p>	<p>AAP to provide safe and secure built environments and to promote new jobs growth.</p>

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	<p>4. Help Prevent and Minimise Poverty https://www.hastings.gov.uk/my-council/policies-strategies/anti-poverty/</p>	<p>new skills and education, safe and secure environments, economic revival in the most deprived areas of the town.</p> <p>SA objectives 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 19</p>	
<p>Hastings & Bexhill Economic Development and Inclusion Strategy 2008-2013</p>	<p>Strategy contributes to visions of Hastings & Rother Community Strategies. Overarching objective is to “create an inclusive, successful and sustainable economy, which brings a decent standard of living and quality of life to all our residents”. This is supported by 3 key goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A successful economy • An inclusive economy • A sustainable economy <p>https://www.hastings.gov.uk/decisions_democracy/how_we_make_decisions/policies_strategies/inclusion_strategy/</p>	<p>SA objectives to accord with these goals and support economic growth and social inclusion</p> <p>SA objectives 18, 19, 20 and 21</p>	<p>AAP to support economic growth and social inclusion</p>

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Culture-Led Regeneration - A Strategy for Hastings 2016 - 2021	This strategy builds on the Hastings Cultural Regeneration Strategy (2010-2015) which set out long-term objectives, many of which are still relevant. The revised cultural strategy focuses on six objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage community cohesion and social engagement through accessible and diverse cultural activity; • Ensure high quality cultural opportunities within formal and informal education are available to all; • Grow the creative economy, supporting creative and cultural businesses and practitioners to develop and become more sustainable, and attracting new investment; • Develop and promote a refreshed identity for Hastings which bridges contemporary culture and heritage together in a coherent and marketable brand; • Support and develop a high quality year round cultural programme, that links to regeneration and tourism strategies; • Support and enable the preservation, development and use of our cultural assets. <p>http://hastings.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=130&Mid=1639&Ver=4</p>	Relevant to economic sustainability objectives and links to improving quality of life SA objectives 3, 5, 7 and 20	AAP to contribute to providing access to cultural facilities and promoting the contribution to the local economy
Hastings Walking and Cycling Strategy (2014)	Key objectives of the walking and cycling strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To create a safer, convenient, efficient and attractive walking and cycling network that supports access within and to Hastings. • To provide targeted walking and cycling 	SA objectives to improve the health and well-being of the population. Improve access to recreational	AAP to improve transport infrastructure which facilitates walking and cycling in the town, particularly the

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	<p>incentives, information and skills to motivate behaviour change towards more active travel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that current and new local policies, strategy documents and commissions relating to the economy, planning, transport, health and the environment, facilitate access to walking and cycling for both utility and leisure purposes. • To develop a document that supports partnership working and shared responsibility for delivering actions in the short and longer term. <p>https://www.hastings.gov.uk/content/planning/planning_policy/local_plan/evidence_base/pdfs/information/hastings_A4_cycling_strategy.pdf</p>	<p>opportunities, including access to the countryside and historic environment, reduce road congestion, pollution levels, and promote non-car based travel choices.</p> <p>SA objectives 2, 5, 17</p>	<p>provision of new and enhanced cycle routes and parts of the strategic walking and cycle network.</p>
Hastings Leisure Facilities Strategy (2015-2020)	<p>The strategy seeks to identify locations and the levels of provision to help establish viable facilities, including consideration of additions/changes to existing facilities. It does not comprehensively explore specific facility venues but considers a Borough-wide context.</p> <p>Key objectives of the strategy review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyse the supply and demand of facilities to identify gaps in provision and opportunities for improved facility provision; • Ensure that the delivery of leisure facilities is undertaken with full reference to relevant strategic influences; • Clarify the role of the Council as provider, partner, enabler, and/or strategic director of leisure facilities; • Identify alternative provision options; 	<p>SA objectives to improve the health and well-being of the population, and improve accessibility to services, facilities and recreational opportunities.</p> <p>SA objectives 2, 5</p>	<p>AAP to support the provision of viable inclusive and accessible leisure facilities.</p>

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	<p>http://www.hastings.gov.uk/decisions_democracy/how_we_make_decisions/policies_strategies/leisure_facilities_strategy/</p> <p>The scope of this strategy does not cover general open space and informal activities which is considered within the Hastings Open Spaces Plan 2006.</p>		
Hastings Open Spaces Plan 2006	<p>Strategic priorities for the Council and key partners will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The progressive enhancement of existing provision rather than the creation of more provision so that priority is given to sites within or adjacent to the most deprived neighbourhoods. • The development of the network of designated Borough-wide spaces and safe pedestrian and cyclepath links to and through it. • Working with local communities to foster the enhancement of local greenspaces and residential environments, initially in the regeneration areas. <p>http://www.hastings.gov.uk/decisions_democracy/how_we_make_decisions/policies_strategies/parksopenspaces/parks_openspaces/</p>	<p>SA objectives to improve the health and well-being of the population, and improve accessibility to services, facilities and recreational opportunities. Protects, conserves and enhances biodiversity.</p> <p>SA objectives 2, 5, 9</p>	<p>Ensure the Borough has a network of accessible, high quality greenspaces and sport and recreation facilities that meet local needs, promote sustainability, supports biodiversity.</p>
Hastings Sport and Physical Activity Strategy (2012-2015)	<p>The Vision is ‘for Hastings to be a more active town where many more people choose to take part in sport and physical activity’,</p> <p>The strategy focuses on three priority areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing participation in physical activity and 	<p>SA objectives to improve health and well-being of the population and inequalities in health are reduced.</p>	<p>Policies to support a range of leisure facilities and green spaces which meet the needs of the local community.</p>

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	<p>encouraging more residents to meet the Department of Health's physical activity recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing skills and building the capacity of the workforce including volunteers. • Strengthening partnerships and coordinating physical activity and sporting opportunities in the town. <p>http://www.hastings.gov.uk/decisions_democracy/how_we_make_decisions/policies_strategies/sport_physical_activity_strategy/sport_physical_activity_strategy/</p>	SA objectives 2, 5	
Hastings and St Leonards Play Space Strategy (2015-2017)	<p>The aims of the strategy is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve and sustain existing key play spaces and subject to funding, develop new sites so that the maximum numbers of children can access good value and good quality rated equipped play spaces, within a 600 metre straight line distance from their home. • Seek to provide informal space to play where there is an identified play need. • <p>http://www.hastings.gov.uk/content/decisions_democracy/pdfs/playpacestrategy</p>	<p>SA objectives to improve the health and well-being of the population, and improve accessibility to recreational opportunities. Safe and secure environments.</p> <p>SA objectives 2, 5, 6</p>	AAP to ensure improved play provision in the proximity to proposed development, and wherever possible space made within new neighbourhoods for unequipped, doorstep playable space.
Safer Hastings Partnership Community Safety Plan 2014-17	<p>Main priorities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce and detect volume and acquisitive crime including shoplifting, vehicle crime and criminal damage. • Reduce anti-social behaviour including criminal damage, youth arsons, anti-social driving and 	Sustainability objectives to include social consideration associated with crime and fear of crime	AAP to take into account "secure by design" principles and seek to reduce crime and fear of crime, particularly in specified

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	<p>speeding and increase confidence in reporting hate crime.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase the reporting of domestic violence and reduce repeat incidents • Reduce the impact of persistent offenders and families with multiple problems who commit crime and antisocial behaviour. • Reduce crime and ASB associated with alcohol abuse, including street drinking and public place violent crime. • Reduce environmental crimes like littering, dog fouling and fly tipping. <p>http://www.saferhastings.co.uk/content/pdfs/Hastings_Community_Safety_Plan_2014-2017.pdf</p>	SA objective 6	areas
Nature Conservation Strategy (1996)	<p>Includes objectives to protect the green network of wildlife habitats and promote a positive attitude to the management and use of these areas</p> <hr/>	<p>SA objectives to protect and conserve biodiversity and greenspaces</p> <p>SA objectives 9 and 11</p>	<p>AAP to contribute to the provision of green infrastructure and enhancement of biodiversity, including the integration of existing and new wildlife habitats.</p>

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Hastings Local Biodiversity Action Plan (2007)	<p>The Hastings BAP details the national priority habitats, which occur in the Hastings Borough. The objectives and targets form part of the Sussex Biodiversity Action Plan for County wide implementation.</p> <p>http://hastings.moderngov.co.uk/Data/Cabinet/20061009/Agenda/\$Hastings%20Local%20Biodiversity%20Action%20Plan%20(09%2010%2006).doc.pdf</p>	<p>SA objectives to protect and conserve biodiversity and greenspaces</p> <p>SA objectives 9 and 11</p>	<p>Need to integrate biodiversity into policies of the AAP.</p>
Green Infrastructure Study (December 2012)	<p>This study identifies green spaces that contribute to Hastings green infrastructure as well as any deficiencies in the green infrastructure network.</p> <p>https://www.hastings.gov.uk/content/planning/planning_policy/local_plan/evidence_base/pdfs/information/GI_Study.pdf</p>	<p>SA objectives to protect and conserve biodiversity and greenspaces</p> <p>SA objectives 2, 9 and 11</p>	<p>Policies that support any identified opportunities for enhancement to the green infrastructure within the AAP area.</p>
Hastings Local Plan – Development Management Plan – Habitat Regulations Assessment (Screening) Report (2014)	<p>The study assesses whether or not the integrity of European designated sites would be affected by the implementation of the Development Management Plan. The Development Management Plan alongside the Planning Strategy forms the principal development plan documents for the Borough.</p> <p>https://www.hastings.gov.uk/content/planning/planning_policy/local_plan/dm_plan_siteallocations/pdfs/dmplan_submission/HBC-DMP-14-whole_plan_viability_assessment.pdf</p>	<p>SA objectives to protect and conserve important habitats and biodiversity.</p> <p>SA objective 9, 11</p>	<p>HRA forms part of the SA/SEA which must be integral to the plan making process. Conclusions from the screening report will need to feed into the White Rock and Hastings Town Centre AAP – SA/SEA process.</p>

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<p>Refreshed Seafront Strategy (2014-2020) and accompanying Action Plan (2015-2017)</p>	<p>The Seafront Strategy acknowledges that the seafront is a key part of the towns identify and tourist offer and sets out the vision for the regeneration of the area.</p> <p>Three overarching aims of the strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance economic and social development – further development of the seafront will have a catalytic effect on the wider regeneration of the town. • Attract investment and new employment opportunities – further investment will be attracted to bring about both regeneration and employment benefits all along the seafront. • Support a unique inviting urban and seafront environment – seafront developments and initiatives will be supported to achieve environmental, physical and financial sustainability. <p>The strategy sets out the principles for specific projects and initiatives along the seafront and identifies four character zones to guide different design approaches along the seafront.</p> <p>The action plan provides further detail as to how the strategic projects and targets will be delivered.</p> <p>Refreshed Seafront Strategy: http://hastings.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=130&Mid=1273&Ver=4</p> <p>Seafront Strategy Action Plan: http://hastings.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=130&Mid=1639&Ver=4</p>	<p>SA objectives to promote economic regeneration and improve accessibility to social, cultural and recreational opportunities.</p> <p>SA objectives 5, 20.</p>	<p>Should be taken into consideration when looking at potential development and connections along the seafront and design related policies.</p>

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Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Development Study (2009)	Provides a comprehensive analysis of the low carbon energy strategies appropriate for new development planning in Hastings up to 2026. https://www.hastings.gov.uk/content/planning/planning_policy/local_plan/evidence_base/pdfs/information/Renewable_Energy_and_Low_Carbon_Development_Study_(.pdf_2724KB).pdf	SA objectives to ensure energy efficiency is achieved and to support generation of renewable energy SA objectives 13 and 15	AAP to ensure new development is energy efficient, utilising low and zero carbon technology where appropriate.
The Economic Impact of Tourism (2013)	Produced to provide indicative estimates of the volume, value and resultant economic impact of tourism on Hastings in 2013. https://www.hastings.gov.uk/content/planning/planning_policy/local_plan/evidence_base/pdfs/information/tourismsoutheaststudy	SA objectives to support local economy and distinctiveness SA objectives 18 and 20	AAP to recognise the importance of tourism to local economy and overall regeneration aims of the town

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Hastings Town Centre and White Rock – Retail and Leisure Assessment & Urban Design Analysis, Bilfinger GVA (2016)	<p>Identifies a need for development opportunity sites for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12,425 sq.m net of comparison goods floorspace within or adjoining the Primary Shopping Area; • Up to 3,500 sq.m net of convenience goods floorspace within or adjoining the Primary Shopping Area. • Opportunities for cafes and restaurants within and adjoining the Primary Shopping Area and wider seafront/White Rock area; • The potential opportunity for a re-sited multiplex cinema within the Town Centre Boundary; • The potential opportunity for a ‘boutique bowling’ facility, • The potential opportunity for a new theatre. <p>http://www.hastings.gov.uk/environment_planning/planning/localplan/towncentrewhiterock/</p>	<p>SA objectives to support local economy and distinctiveness</p> <p>SA objectives 18 and 20</p>	<p>AAP to identify sufficient development site opportunities to meet the full extent of retail and leisure needs.</p>
Hastings Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (2014)	<p>The Level 1 SFRA aims to provide an up-to date assessment of flood risk from all sources across the Borough. The assessment shows that the majority of flooding across Hastings is the result of a combination of factors, and high risk areas are shown on a supporting SFRA map.</p> <p>http://www.hastings.gov.uk/environment_planning/planning/localplan/evidence_base/#flood</p>	<p>SA objective to reduce the risk of flooding from all sources.</p> <p>SA objective 10, 13</p>	<p>Use of latest flood risk modelling in applying the sequential test to steer development to areas with the lower probability of flooding.</p>
Hastings Surface Water Management Plan – draft Study Report (March	<p>A Surface Water Management Plan was undertaken and maps current and potential surface water flood risk areas and drainage infrastructure across the Borough</p>	<p>SA objective to reduce the risk of flooding (surface water).</p>	<p>AAP will need to take on board the recommendations, and</p>

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2011)	<p>and considers different mitigation strategies.</p> <p>http://ms-sharep1/cross-cutting/swmp/Shared%20Documents/Hastings%20SWMP%20-%20Report%20(DRAFT).pdf</p>	SA objectives 10, 13	implement actions set out within the SWMP action plan where relevant.