Appendix B: SA objectives and decision aiding questions

Social progress that recognises the needs of everyone		
Objective Number	**Objective**	**Decision aiding Questions**
1	To provide sufficient housing to enable people to live in a home suitable to their needs and which they can afford.	- Promote improvements in the availability and quality of the housing stock? - Will the option help provide a supply of affordable homes to meet identified needs? - Will the option increase the rate of provision of affordable housing? - Will the option help to reduce the number of homeless in the District? - Will the option increase the amount of extra-care or enhanced sheltered accommodation? - Will the option reduce the number of unfit homes? - Will the option have a significant detrimental effect on the financial viability of delivering future housing?
2	To facilitate the improved health and wellbeing of the whole population.	- Will the option help to improve the health of the community - Will the option reduce health inequalities? - Will the option improve access to health provision? - Will the option encourage healthy lifestyles? - Will the option help people to remain independent?
3	To reduce poverty and social exclusion.	- Will the option address issues of deprivation? - Will the option help to overcome social exclusion? - Will the option address issues of poverty in identified areas? - Will the option improve the provision of affordable transport? - Will the option provide additional assistance to single parents, the elderly, those with ill health or disability? - Will the option improve participation in further education?
4	To minimise the harm from flooding.	- Will the option reduce the risk of flooding to the development? - Will the option reduce the risk of flooding to adjacent development? - Will the option help to reduce the rate of run-off? - Will the option encourage Sustainable Urban Drainage Schemes? - Will the option reduce the amount of hard-surfacing? - Will the option ensure that climate change extremes can be withstood?
5	To improve accessibility to all services facilities, and natural greenspace.	- Will the option improve access to key services (education, employment, recreation, health, community services, cultural assets)? - Will the option enhance access to natural urban greenspace? - Will the option provide safe pedestrian and cycle routes? - Will the option improve public transport – including choice and interchange? - Will the option increase access to the countryside, archaeological, historic environments and cultural

		assets.

Effective protection of the environment

Objective Number	Objective	Decision aiding Questions
6	To make the best use of previously developed land and existing buildings.	▪ Will the option encourage the re-use of existing buildings? ▪ Will the option make the best use of PDL, so as to deliver sustainable development?
7	To reduce land contamination and safeguard soil quality and quantity.	▪ Will the option reduce the risk of creating further contamination? ▪ Will the option help to reduce the risk of contamination from designated sites? ▪ Will the option help to remediate contaminated sites? ▪ Will the option encourage on-site remediation? ▪ Will the option prevent soil erosion? ▪ Will the option minimise the loss of good quality agricultural land?
8	To ensure air quality continues to improve.	▪ Will the option help improve air quality? ▪ Will the option support specific actions in designated AQMAs? ▪ Will the option reduce pollution from traffic?
9	To reduce noise pollution.	▪ Will the option encourage the creation of tranquil areas? ▪ Will the option ensure that people are not exposed to greater levels of noise?
10	To reduce light pollution.	▪ Will the option help reduce light pollution?
11	To improve the water quality of rivers and groundwater, and maintain an adequate supply of water.	▪ Will the option increase pollution of groundwater, watercourses and rivers from run-off/point-sources? ▪ Will the amount of nitrates/phosphates entering the water environment be reduced? ▪ Will the option provide adequate utilities infrastructure to service development to avoid unacceptable impacts on the environment?
12	To conserve and enhance biodiversity and networks of natural habitat.	▪ Will the option secure enhancement in biodiversity in all new development? ▪ Will the option continue to protect formally designated areas of nature conservation (including SSSIs)? ▪ Will the option protect and enhance ancient woodland, woodland and inter-connecting hedgerows? ▪ Will the option create more habitats? ▪ Will the option prevent fragmentation, and increase connectivity, of habitats? ▪ Will the option enhance urban biodiversity and enhance natural urban space? ▪ Will the option identify and deliver green infrastructure? ▪ Will the option take account of the effects of climate change on biodiversity? ▪ Will the option adequately defend and enhance protected species? ▪ Will the option enhance understanding of the

		importance of biodiversity?
13	To conserve and enhance landscape character and feature, the historic environment and cultural assets and their setting.	- Will the option conserve and enhance the natural beauty of an AONB? - Will the option continue to protect and/or enhance the Borough's cultural assets? - Will the option improve equitable access to the Borough's cultural assets? - Will the option promote sensitive re-use of culturally important buildings, where appropriate? - Will the option increase equitable access to the urban fringe?
14	To reduce the need to travel, encourage sustainable transport options and make the best use of existing transport infrastructure.	- Will the option reduce congestion? - Will the option reduce the need to travel, especially by car/lorry? - Will the option reduce the need for car ownership? - Will the option increase walking/cycling levels? - Will the option help provide walking/cycling/public transport infrastructure? - Will the option be accommodated within the existing public transport constraints? - Will the option reduce the need for road freight? - Will the option reduce the quantity of greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere?
15	To ensure that the District adapts to the impacts of the changing climate.	- Will the option help in protecting the community from the extremes of climate change? - Will the option increase the ability of the community to become more self sufficient, so as to withstand major weather events? - Will the option reduce the opportunity to adapt in the future? - Will the option help to prepare for the changing climate and extreme weather events that are now encountering (heat waves, drought, flooding and strong winds).

Achieving a sustainable economy		
Objective Number	**Objective**	**Decision aiding Questions**
16	Provide for employment opportunities to meet the needs of the local economy	- Will the option provide for the needs of economy, especially local business - Will the option encourage diversity and quality of employment? - Will the option encourage rural diversification? - Will the option enhance the viability, vitality and attractiveness of urban centres and encourage their commercial renewal? - Provide for the needs of business in urban and rural areas (such as range of premises, land, infrastructure and services)? - Will the option have a significant detrimental effect on the financial viability of delivery future employment development?

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17	Support economic growth which is inclusive, innovative and sustainable	▪ Encourage provision of jobs accessible to residents? ▪ Will the option meet the needs for labour without increasing the need for travel? ▪ Will the option provide for the needs of indigenous businesses and skills? ▪ Will the option increase the likelihood of local jobs being filled by local people? ▪ Will the option facilitate and encourage the building of a skilled local workforce? ▪ Promote lifelong learning and training, accessible to all? ▪ Will the option encourage mixed-use development?

Prudent use of natural resources		
Objective Number	**Objective**	**Decision aiding Questions**
18	To achieve sustainable production and use of resources	▪ Will the option help reduce the environmental impacts of products and services? ▪ Will the option help stabilise the Borough's ecological footprint? ▪ Will the option encourage self-sufficiency? ▪ Will the option encourage the use/supply of sustainable and/or local products/services? ▪ Will the option reduce the use of primary resources, or create markets for recycled materials? ▪ Will the option increase residents' awareness of the environmental impacts of their lifestyle choices? ▪ Will the option promote reuse and recycling of materials? ▪ Will the option help ensure that minimal non-renewable resources are used in construction? ▪ Will the option help minimise the "whole life cycle" use of natural resources? ▪ Will the option allow the efficient storage and collection of waste? ▪ Will the option facilitate the provision of additional sustainable waste management capacity, avoiding the need to landfill? ▪ Will the option allow waste to be managed close to where it arises? ▪ Will the option minimise the production of waste? ▪ Will the option safeguard water resources to maintain an adequate level of river and ground water? ▪ Will the option increase the demand for water? ▪ Will the option encourage water to be stored for re-use?
19	To increase energy efficiency and the production of energy from low carbon technologies, renewable sources and decentralised generation systems.	▪ Will the option reduce the need for energy use? ▪ Will the option help to reduce fuel poverty? ▪ Will the option improve the energy efficiency of the building stock? ▪ Will the option support de-centralised energy generation? ▪ Will the option support the development of CHP? ▪ Will the option facilitate the generation/use of renewable energy?

		- Will the option support the production/use of biomass? - Will the option support the use of wind as energy? - Will the option support the use of sun as energy? - Will the option support the collection and use of organic waste as a fuel?