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Appendix 1

Review of relevant plans, programmes and environmental protection objectives

Table 1 Key international plans, programmes and environmental protection objectives

Plan, Programme or Environmental Protection Objective	Key objectives relevant to HAP DPD and SA	Key targets and indicators relevant to HAP DPD and SA	Implications for the HAP DPD	Implications for SA
INTERNATIONAL				
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<i>IPCC's Fifth Assessment Report on Climate Change</i> (IPCC, 2014) ¹	To limit and/or reduce all greenhouse gas emissions which contribute to climate change	No targets or indicators of relevance.	The DPD should support reduction in emissions of greenhouse gases.	The SA Framework should include sustainability objectives to support reduction in emissions of greenhouse gases.
<i>Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development</i> (2002)	Commitment to building a humane, equitable and caring global society aware of the need for human dignity for all. Renewable energy and energy efficiency. Accelerate shift towards sustainable consumption and production.	No specific targets or indicators, however key actions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater resource efficiency • Support business innovation and take up of best practice in technology and management • Waste reduction and producer responsibility • Sustainable consumer consumption and procurement • Create a level playing 	Develop policies that encourage resource efficiency. Recognise the importance of renewable energy and the need to reduce energy consumption and improve energy efficiency. Develop policies that encourage and contribute to the protection and enhancement of	The SA Framework should include sustainability objectives to enhance the natural environment and promote renewable energy and energy/resource efficiency.

¹ IPCC (2014) Fifth Assessment Report on Climate Change

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		<p>field for renewable energy and energy efficiency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New technology development • Push on energy efficiency • Low carbon programmes <p>Reduced impact on biodiversity</p>	biodiversity.	
<i>Aarhus Convention</i> (1998)	<p>Established a number of rights of the public with regard to the environment. Local authorities should provide for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The right of everyone to receive environmental information. • The right to participate from an early stage in environmental decision making. • The right to challenge in a court of law public decisions that have been made without respecting the two rights above or environmental law in general. 	<p>As this is a high level EU policy document, responsibility for implementation has been deferred to the Member States:</p> <p>Each Party shall take the necessary legislative, regulatory and other measures, including measures to achieve compatibility between the provisions implementing the information, public participation and access-to-justice provisions in this Convention, as well as proper enforcement measures, to establish and maintain a clear, transparent and consistent framework to implement the provisions of this Convention.</p>	Ensure the plan-making process is clear and transparent allowing public consultation at various stages of plan production.	Ensure that the public are involved and consulted at all relevant stages of SA production.
<i>Bern Convention</i> (1979)	The Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (the Bern Convention) was adopted in Bern, Switzerland in 1979, and came into force in 1982. The principal aims of the Convention	No targets or indicators of relevance.	The HAP DPD must take into account the habitats and species that have been identified under the	The SA Framework should take into account the conservation provisions of the

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	<p>are to ensure conservation and protection of wild plant and animal species and their natural habitats (listed in Appendices I and II of the Convention), to increase cooperation between contracting parties, and to regulate the exploitation of those species (including migratory species) listed in Appendix III. To this end the Convention imposes legal obligations on contracting parties, protecting over 500 wild plant species and more than 1,000 wild animal species.</p>		<p>Convention and should include provision for the preservation, protection and improvement of the quality of the environment as appropriate.</p>	<p>Convention, including provision for the preservation and protection of the environment.</p>
<p><i>Bonn Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals</i> (1979)</p>	<p>The Convention is an intergovernmental treaty under the United Nations Environment Programme. The aim is for contracting parties to work together to conserve terrestrial, marine and avian migratory species and their habitats (on a global scale) by providing strict protection for endangered migratory species.</p> <p>The overarching objectives set for the Parties are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote, co-operate in and support research relating to migratory species • Endeavour to provide immediate protection for migratory species included in Appendix I • Endeavour to conclude Agreements covering the conservation and management of migratory species included in Appendix II 	<p>No targets or indicators of relevance.</p>	<p>The HAP DPD must take into account the habitats and species that have been identified under this directive, and should include provision for their protection, preservation and improvement.</p>	<p>The SA Framework should include objectives protecting biodiversity.</p>

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<p><i>Ramsar Convention – Convention on Wetlands of International Importance</i> (1971)</p>	<p>The Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, called the Ramsar Convention, is the intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.</p> <p>The Convention was adopted in the Iranian city of Ramsar in 1971 and came into force in 1975. Since then, almost 90% of UN member states, from all the world’s geographic regions, have acceded to become “Contracting Parties”.</p> <p>The Convention’s mission is “the conservation and wise use of all wetlands through local and national actions and international cooperation, as a contribution towards achieving sustainable development throughout the world”.</p>	<p>No targets or indicators of relevance.</p>	<p>The HAP DPD must take into account the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.</p>	<p>The SA Framework should take into account the conservation of wetlands and their resources.</p>
<p><i>UNESCO World Heritage Convention</i> (1972)</p>	<p>The 1972 World Heritage Convention links together in a single document the concepts of nature conservation and the preservation of cultural properties. The Convention recognizes the way in which people interact with nature, and the fundamental need to preserve the balance between the two.</p> <p>The Convention defines the kind of natural or cultural sites which can be considered for inscription on the World Heritage List. It also sets out the duties of States Parties in identifying potential sites and their role in protecting and preserving them. By signing the Convention, each country pledged to conserve not only the World Heritage sites</p>	<p>No targets or indicators of relevance.</p>	<p>The HAP DPD must take into account the conservation and enhancement of cultural and natural heritage assets.</p>	<p>The SA Framework should include objectives relating to the conservation and enhancement of cultural heritage and natural heritage.</p>

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	situated on its territory, but also to protect its national heritage.			
<p><i>Paris Agreement</i> (United Nations 2015)</p>	<p>The main aim of the Paris Agreement centres on keeping global temperature rise this century below 2°C above preindustrial levels. Frameworks are to be put in place to help achieve these goals.</p>	<p>Under Article 2: to hold “<i>the increase in global average temperature to well below 2 degrees C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees C above pre-industrial levels</i>” and to increase “<i>the ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience and low greenhouse gas emissions in a manner that does not threaten food production</i>”. Under Article 5: “<i>Parties should take action to conserve and enhance as appropriate, sinks and reservoirs of greenhouse gases...including forests</i>”.</p>	<p>While the commitments are likely to filter through national policy / strategies, this indicates the direction of travel regarding climate change policy and the emphasis on mitigation and adaptation measures. The HAP DPD should support the delivery of these commitments.</p>	<p>The SA Framework should include objectives to adapt and mitigate climate change.</p>
EU Directives				
<p><i>SEA Directive 2001</i> Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment</p>	<p>Provide for a high level of protection of the environment and contribute to the integration of environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans and programmes with a view to promoting sustainable development.</p>	<p>The Directive must be applied to plans or programmes whose formal preparation begins after 21 July 2004 and to those already in preparation by that date.</p>	<p>Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive at the national level.</p>	<p>Requirements of the SEA Directive must be met in Sustainability Appraisals.</p>

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<p>The Birds Directive 2009</p> <p>Directive 2009/147/EC is a codified version of Directive 79/409/EEC as amended</p>	<p>The preservation, maintenance, and re-establishment of biotopes and habitats shall include the following measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of protected areas. • Upkeep and management in accordance with the ecological needs of habitats inside and outside the protected zones. • Re-establishment of destroyed biotopes. • Creation of biotopes. 	<p>No targets or indicators.</p>	<p>Sites and policies should make sure that the upkeep of recognised habitats is maintained and not damaged from development.</p> <p>Avoid pollution or deterioration of habitats or any other disturbances effecting birds.</p>	<p>Include sustainability objectives for the protection of birds.</p>
<p>The Habitats Directive 1992</p> <p>Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora</p>	<p>Promote the maintenance of biodiversity taking account of economic, social, cultural and regional requirements. Conservation of natural habitats and maintain landscape features of importance to wildlife and fauna.</p>	<p>No targets or indicators.</p>	<p>Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.</p>	<p>Include sustainability objectives to protect and maintain the natural environment and important landscape features.</p>
<p>The Water Framework Directive 2000</p> <p>Directive 2000/60/EC establishing a framework for community action in the field of water policy</p>	<p>Protection of inland surface waters, transitional waters, coastal waters and groundwater.</p>	<p>No targets or indicators.</p>	<p>Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.</p>	<p>Include sustainability objectives relating to the provision of opportunities to enhance water quality.</p>

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<p><i>The Floods Directive 2007</i></p> <p>Directive 2007/60/EC on the assessment and management of flood risks</p>	<p>Establish a framework for the assessment and management of flood risks, aiming at the reduction of the adverse consequences for human health, the environment, cultural heritage and economic activity associated with floods.</p>	<p>Preliminary Flood Risk Assessments to be completed by December 2011. Flood Hazard Maps and Flood Risk Maps to be completed by December 2013. Flood Risk Management Plans to be completed by December 2015.</p>	<p>Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.</p>	<p>Include sustainability objectives that relate to flood management and reduction of risk.</p>
<p><i>The Drinking Water Directive 1998</i></p> <p>Directive 98/83/EC on the quality of water intended for human consumption</p>	<p>Protect human health from the adverse effects of any contamination of water intended for human consumption by ensuring that it is wholesome and clean.</p>	<p>Member States must set values for water intended for human consumption.</p>	<p>Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.</p>	<p>Include sustainability objectives to protect and enhance water quality.</p>
<p><i>The Bathing Water Quality Directive 2006</i></p> <p>Directive 2006/7/EC on the quality of water intended for human consumption</p>	<p>The revised Bathing Water Directive entered into force in March 2006. The overall objective of the revised Directive remains the protection of public health whilst bathing.</p>	<p>There is a requirement for all bathing waters to be classed as 'sufficient' by 2015.</p>	<p>The DPD must adhere to the requirements of the Directive, as appropriate.</p>	<p>Sustainability objectives should reflect the Directive requirements and protect the quality of bathing waters.</p>
<p><i>The Urban Waste Water Directive 1991</i></p> <p>Directive 91/271/EEC concerning urban waste water treatment</p>	<p>Protect the environment from the adverse effects of urban waste water collection, treatment and discharge, and discharge from certain industrial sectors.</p>	<p>No targets or indicators.</p>	<p>The HAP DPD must take into account the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.</p>	<p>Include sustainability objectives to reduce water pollution.</p>

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<p><i>The Nitrates Directive 1991</i></p> <p>Directive 91/676/EEC on nitrates from agricultural sources.</p>	<p>Reduce water pollution caused or induced by nitrates from agricultural sources and prevent further such pollution.</p>	<p>Identification of vulnerable areas.</p>	<p>The HAP DPD must take into account the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.</p>	<p>Include sustainability objectives to reduce water pollution.</p>
<p><i>The Waste Framework Directive 2008</i></p> <p>Directive 2008/98/EC on waste</p>	<p>Prevention or reduction of waste production and its harmfulness. The recovery of waste by means of recycling, re-use or reclamation. Recovery or disposal of waste without endangering human health and without using processes that could harm the environment.</p>	<p>Sets targets for recycling rates; 50% recycling rates for household waste and 70% for C&D waste by 2020.</p>	<p>The HAP DPD should reflect the waste hierarchy and should make provision for sufficient recycling facilities to ensure targets can be met and encourage the use of secondary aggregates.</p>	<p>Consider objectives to provide an adequate supply of suitable waste facilities, to reduce waste, and to reduce waste sent to landfill.</p>
<p><i>The Landfill Directive 1999</i></p> <p>Directive 99/31/EC on the landfill of waste</p>	<p>Prevent or reduce negative effects on the environment from the landfilling of waste by introducing stringent technical requirements for waste and landfills.</p>	<p>Reduce the amount of biodegradable waste sent to landfill to 75% of the 1995 level by 2010. Reduce this to 50% in 2013 and 35% by 2020.</p>	<p>The HAP DPD must take into account the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.</p>	<p>Include sustainability objectives to increase recycling and reduce the amount of waste.</p>
<p><i>The Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive 1994</i></p> <p>Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste</p>	<p>Harmonise the packaging waste system of Member States. Reduce the environmental impact of packaging waste.</p>	<p>By June 2001 at least 50% by weight of packaging waste should have been recovered, at least 25% by weight of the totality of packaging materials contained in packaging waste to be recycled with a minimum of 15% by weight for each packaging</p>	<p>The HAP DPD must take into account the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.</p>	<p>Include sustainability objectives to minimise the environmental impact of waste and promote recycling.</p>

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		material.		
<p><i>EU Management of Waste from Extractive Industries</i> (2006/21/EC)</p>	<p>The purpose of the Directive is to prevent water and soil pollution from the deposition of waste into heaps or ponds and puts emphasis on the long-term stability of waste facilities to help avoid major accidents.</p> <p>The main elements of the Directive are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conditions for operating permits. • General obligations concerning waste management. • The obligation to characterise waste before disposing of it or treating it. • Measures to ensure the safety of waste management facilities. • A requirement to draw up closure plans. • An obligation to provide for an appropriate level of financial security. 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	The HAP DPD must take into account the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.	Include sustainability objectives that encourage recycling and the prudent use of natural resources and the protection of the environment . Also promote a reduction in water and soil pollution .
<p><i>The Air Quality Directive 2008</i> Directive 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe</p>	Avoid, prevent and reduce harmful effects of ambient noise pollution on human health and the environment.	No targets or indicators.	The HAP DPD must take into account the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.	Include sustainability objectives to maintain and enhance air quality .
<p><i>The Industrial Emissions Directive 2010</i></p>	This Directive lays down rules on integrated prevention and control of pollution arising from industrial activities. It also lays down	The Directive sets emission limit values for substances that are harmful to air or water.	The HAP DPD must take into account the Directive as well as	Include sustainability objective for reducing pollution .

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Directive 2010/75/EU on industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control)	rules designed to prevent or, where that is not practicable, to reduce emissions into air, water and land and to prevent the generation of waste, in order to achieve a high level of protection of the environment taken as a whole.		more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.	
<i>The Noise Directive 2000/14/EC</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor the environmental problem by drawing up strategic noise maps. • Informing and consulting the public about noise exposure, its effects and the measures considered to address noise. • Addressing local noise issues by requiring authorities to draw up action Plans to reduce noise where necessary and maintain environmental noise where it is good. 	No targets or indicators.	The HAP DPD must take into account the Directive as well as more detailed policies derived from the Directive contained in the NPPF.	Include sustainability objectives to reduce noise pollution.
EUROPEAN				
<i>EU Seventh Environmental Action Plan to 2020</i>	<p>The EU's objectives in implementing the programme are:</p> <p>(a) to protect, conserve and enhance the Union's natural capital;</p> <p>(b) to turn the Union into a resource-efficient, green and competitive low-carbon economy;</p> <p>(c) to safeguard the Union's citizens from environment-related pressures and risks to health and wellbeing;</p> <p>(d) to maximise the benefits of the Union's environment legislation;</p> <p>(e) to improve the evidence base for</p>	No targets or indicators.	Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Action Plan as well as more detailed policies contained in the NPPF.	Include sustainability objectives to protect and enhance the natural environment and promote energy efficiency.

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	<p>environment policy;</p> <p>(f) to secure investment for environment and climate policy and get the prices right;</p> <p>(g) to improve environmental integration and policy coherence;</p> <p>(h) to enhance the sustainability of the Union's cities;</p> <p>(i) to increase the Union's effectiveness in confronting regional and global environmental challenges.</p>			
<p><i>EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020</i></p>	<p>The European Commission has adopted an ambitious new strategy to halt the loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services in the EU by 2020. The six targets cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full implementation of EU nature legislation to protect biodiversity • Better protection for ecosystems, and more use of green infrastructure • More sustainable agriculture and forestry • Better management of fish stocks • Tighter controls on invasive alien species • A bigger EU contribution to averting global biodiversity loss 	<p>Biodiversity loss is an enormous challenge in the EU, with around one in four species currently threatened with extinction and 88% of fish stocks over-exploited or significantly depleted.</p>	<p>Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Strategy as well as more detailed policies contained in the NPPF.</p>	<p>Include sustainability objectives to value, protect and enhance biodiversity.</p>

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<i>European Spatial Development Perspective</i> (1999)	Economic and social cohesion across the community. Conservation of natural resources and cultural heritage. Balanced competitiveness between different tiers of government.	No targets or indicators.	Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Plan as well as more detailed policies contained in the NPPF.	Include sustainability objectives to conserve natural resources and cultural heritage.
<i>European Landscape Convention</i> (Florence, 2002)	The convention promotes landscape protection, management and planning.	No indicators or targets.	Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Convention as well as more detailed policies contained in the NPPF.	Include sustainability objectives to protect, manage and plan for landscape provision.
<i>European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage</i> (Valletta, 1992) <i>Revision of the 1985 Granada Convention</i>	Protection of the archaeological heritage, including any physical evidence of the human past that can be investigated archaeologically both on land and underwater. Creation of archaeological reserves and conservation of excavated sites.	No indicators or targets.	Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Convention as well as more detailed policies contained in the NPPF.	Include sustainability objectives to protect the archaeological heritage.
<i>The Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe</i> (Granada, 1985)	The main purpose of the Convention is to reinforce and promote policies for the conservation and enhancement of Europe's heritage. It also affirms the need for European solidarity with regard to heritage conservation and is designed to foster practical co-operation among the Parties.	No indicators or targets	Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the Convention as well as more detailed policies contained in the NPPF.	Include sustainability objectives to protect the archaeological heritage.

Table 2 Key national plans, programmes and environmental protection objectives

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NATIONAL				
National Policies and Strategies				
MHCLG (2018) <i>National Planning Policy Framework</i>	Presumption in favour of sustainable development. Delivering sustainable development by:	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Development plan has a statutory status as the starting point for decision making.	Sustainability appraisal should be an integral part of the plan preparation process, and should consider all the likely significant effects on the environment, economic and social factors.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivering a sufficient supply of homes. 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Identify size, type, tenure and range of housing that is required in particular locations.	Include a sustainability objective relating to housing availability and quality.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building a strong, competitive economy. 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Set out clear economic visions for that particular area.	Include a sustainability objective relating to strengthening the economy.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring the vitality of town centres. 	No targets or indicators of	Recognise town centres as the heart	Include a sustainability

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		relevance.	of their communities.	objective relating to the vitality of town centres.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting healthy and safe communities. 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Promote safe and accessible environments with a high quality of life and community cohesion.	Include a sustainability objective relating to health and well-being.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting sustainable transport. 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	To implement sustainable transport modes depending on nature/location of the site, to reduce the need for major transport infrastructure.	Include a sustainability objective relating to sustainable transport.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting high quality communications. 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Enhance the provision of local community facilities and services by supporting the expansion of electronic communications networks.	Include a sustainability objective relating to improving communication.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making effective use of land 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Promote an effective use of land while safeguarding and improving the environment and	Include a sustainability objective relating to the effective use of land.

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			ensuring safe and healthy living conditions.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieving well-designed places. 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Establish a strong sense of place to live, work and visit.	Include a sustainability objective relating to good design and creating well designed places.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protecting Green Belt land. 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	To prevent the coalescence of neighbouring towns.	Include a sustainability objective relating to the coalescence of towns.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding, and coastal change. 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Use opportunities offered by new development to reduce causes/impacts of flooding.	Include a sustainability objective relating to climate change mitigation and adaption.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conserving and enhancing the natural environment. 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Recognise the wider benefits of biodiversity.	Include a sustainability objective relating to the conservation and enhancement of the natural environment.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conserving and enhancing the historic environment. 	No targets or indicators of	Sustain and enhance	Include a

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		relevance.	heritage assets and put them to viable uses consistent with their conservation.	sustainability objective relating to the conservation of heritage assets.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitating the use of sustainable materials. 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Encourage prior extraction of minerals where practicable and environmentally feasible.	Include a sustainability objective relating to sustainable mineral extraction.
Planning Practice Guidance (2013 onwards)	<p>The PPG documents provide guidance on the interpretation and implementation of the NPPF.</p> <p>Of particular relevance are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCLG (2014) Planning Practice Guidance on air quality DCLG (2014) Planning Practice Guidance on climate change DCLG (2014) Planning Practice Guidance on conserving and enhancing the historic environment DCLG (2014) Planning Practice Guidance on ensuring the vitality of town centres DCLG (2014) Planning Practice Guidance on flood risk and coastal change DCLG (2017) Planning Practice Guidance on health and wellbeing 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	The HAP DPD needs to be produced in accordance with the guidance outline in the NPPG.	The SA should be prepared in line with the NPPG.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCLG (2018) Planning Practice Guidance on local plans • DCLG (2014) Planning Practice Guidance on minerals • DCLG (2016) Planning Practice Guidance on the natural environment • DCLG (2014) Planning Practice Guidance on noise • DCLG (2014) Planning Practice Guidance on light pollution • DCLG (2014) Planning Practice Guidance on open space, sports and recreation facilities, public rights of way and local green space • DCLG (2016) Planning Practice Guidance on rural housing • DCLG (2015) Planning Practice Guidance on renewable and low carbon energy • DCLG (2015) Planning Practice Guidance on waste • DCLG (2015) Planning Practice Guidance on water supply, wastewater and water quality 			
DCLG (2015) <i>Planning Policy for Traveller Sites</i>	<p>Government's aims in respect of traveller sites are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local planning authorities should make 	No targets or indicators of relevance. The updated policy now includes:	Ensure that HAP DPD takes into account the relevant	Include relevant sustainability objectives relating to

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	<p>their own assessment of need for the purposes of planning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that local planning authorities, working collaboratively, develop fair and effective strategies to meet need through the identification of land for sites. • To encourage local planning authorities to plan for sites over a reasonable timescale. • That plan-making and decision-taking should protect Green Belt from inappropriate development. • To promote more private traveller site provision while recognising that there will always be those travellers who cannot provide their own sites. • That plan-making and decision-taking should aim to reduce the number of unauthorised developments and encampments and make enforcement more effective for local planning authorities to ensure that their Local Plan includes fair, realistic and inclusive policies. • To increase the number of traveller sites in appropriate locations with planning permission, to address under provision and maintain an appropriate level of supply. • To reduce tensions between settled and traveller communities in plan-making and planning decisions. • To enable provision of suitable 	<p>If a local planning authority cannot demonstrate an up-to-date 5 year supply of deliverable sites, this should be a significant material consideration in any subsequent planning decision when considering applications for the grant of temporary planning permission.</p> <p>The exception is where the proposal is on land designated as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Belt • sites protected under the Birds and Habitats Directives • sites designated as Sites of Special Scientific Interest • local green space • an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty • within a National Park (or the Broads) <p>Inappropriate development is harmful to the Green Belt and should not be approved, except in very special circumstances.</p> <p>Traveller sites (temporary or permanent) in the Green Belt are inappropriate development.</p>	<p>considerations in the policy.</p>	<p>social inclusion and environmental protection.</p>

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	<p>accommodation from which travellers can access education, health, welfare and employment infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For local planning authorities to have due regard to the protection of local amenity and local environment. 	<p>Subject to the best interests of the child, personal circumstances and unmet need are unlikely to clearly outweigh harm to the Green Belt and any other harm so as to establish very special circumstances.</p> <p>In exceptional cases, where a local planning authority is burdened by a large-scale unauthorised site that has significantly increased their need, and their area is subject to strict and special planning constraints, then there is no assumption that the local planning authority is required to plan to meet their traveller site needs in full.</p>		
DCLG (2014) <i>National Planning Policy for Waste</i>	<p>The National Planning Policy for Waste was adopted in October 2014 and sets out the need for local authorities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare local plans using a robust proportionate evidence base • Identify need for waste management facilities • Identify suitable sites and areas • Determine planning applications • Monitor and report: 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the National Planning Policy for Waste.	Include a sustainability objective relating to sustainable waste management.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Take up in allocated sites and areas ○ Existing stock and changes in the stock of waste management facilities. ○ The amount of waste recycled, recovered or going for disposal. 			
<p>DEFRA (2013) <i>National Waste Management Plan for England</i></p>	<p>Provides an analysis of the current waste management situation in England, and evaluates how it will support implementation of the objectives and provisions of the revised Waste Framework Directive.</p> <p>At the local authority level, the Waste Management Plan notes that waste planning authorities (county and unitary authorities in England) are responsible for producing local waste management plans that cover the land use planning aspect of waste management for their areas.</p>	<p>No targets or indicators of relevance.</p>	<p>Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the National Waste Management Plan.</p>	<p>Include a sustainability objective relating to sustainable waste management.</p>
<p>HM Government (2013) <i>Waste prevention programme for England: Prevention is better than cure – The role of waste prevention in moving to a more resource efficient economy</i></p>	<p>The aim of the Programme is to improve the environment and protect human health by supporting a resource efficient economy, reducing the quantity and impact of waste produced whilst promoting sustainable economic growth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encourage businesses to contribute to a more sustainable economy by building waste reduction into design, offering alternative business models and delivering 	<p>No targets or indicators of relevance.</p>	<p>Policies should take account of the strategic measures in the Programme.</p>	<p>Include SA objectives which seek to promote waste prevention.</p>

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	<p>new and improved products and services;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> encourage a culture of valuing resources by making it easier for people and businesses to find out how to reduce their waste, to use products for longer, repair broken items, and enable reuse of items by others; help businesses recognise and act upon potential savings through better resource efficiency and preventing waste, to realise opportunities for growth; and support action by central and local government, businesses and civil society to capitalise on these opportunities. 			
DEFRA (2012) <i>National Policy Statement for Waste Water</i>	Sets out the proposed policy framework to inform planning decisions on applications for large waste water infrastructure projects.	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the National Policy Statement for Waste Water.	Include SA objectives that relate to sustainable waste management and the protection of water quality .
DEFRA (2013) <i>National Policy Statement for Hazardous Waste</i>	Sets out the strategic need and justification of Government policy for the provision of national significant infrastructure for the management of hazardous waste.	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Allocate sites and develop policies that take account of the National Policy Statement for Hazardous Waste.	Include SA objectives that relate to sustainable waste management which will include hazardous waste.
HM Government (2009) <i>The UK Low Carbon Transition Plan</i>	Plan plots how the UK will meet the 34 percent cut in emissions on 1990 levels by 2020. The Plan shows how reductions in the power sector and heavy industry; transport; homes and communities; workplaces and jobs; and	<p>The plan includes a 5-point Action Plan covering the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protecting the public from 	The HAP DPD should include policies that contribute towards achieving lower	Objectives should reflect the aims set in the UK Low Carbon Transition Plan to reduce carbon

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	farming, land and waste sectors could enable carbon budgets to 2022 to be met.	immediate risk; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	carbon emissions.	emissions.
HM Government (2011) <i>The Carbon Plan: Delivering our low carbon future</i>	The Carbon Plan is a Government wide plan of action on climate change, including domestic and international activity.	The plan includes a range of sectorial plans and targets including low carbon industry.	The HAP DPD should include policies that contribute towards achieving lower carbon emissions such as diverting waste from landfill by driving it up the waste hierarchy and using alternate or low emission transport options where viable.	Include a sustainability objective relating to reducing carbon emissions.
HM Government (2017) <i>The UK Climate Change Risk Assessment</i>	The Climate Change Act requires the Government to compile every five years its assessment of the risks and opportunities arising for the UK from climate change. It identifies six urgent climate change risks for the UK: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooding and coastal change risks to communities, businesses and 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	The HAP DPD should acknowledge the six priority areas identified and ensure that policies and site allocations help to address such matters, rather than increasing	The SA Framework should include objectives relating to the six urgent climate change risks identified in the assessment.

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	<p>infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risks to health, wellbeing and productivity from high temperatures • Risk of shortages in the public water supply, and for agriculture, energy generation and industry, with impacts on freshwater ecology • Risks to natural capital, including terrestrial, coastal, marine and freshwater ecosystems, soils and biodiversity • Risks to domestic and international food production and trade • New and emerging pests and diseases, and invasive non-native species, affecting people, plants and animals 		the risks.	
DECC (2009) <i>The UK Renewable Energy Strategy</i>	<p>Increase our use of renewable electricity, heat and transport, and help tackle climate change.</p> <p>Build the UK low-carbon economy, promote energy security and take action against climate change.</p>	<p>15% of energy from renewable sources by 2020.</p> <p>Reducing UK CO2 emissions by 750 million tonnes by 2030.</p>	Ensure that site allocations and policies will support renewable energy provision including electricity, heat and transport.	Include a sustainability objective relating to increasing energy provided from decentralised community renewable sources.
HM Government (2017) <i>The Clean Growth Strategy</i>	Under the Climate Change Act, the Government is required to publish a set of policies and proposals that will enable the legally-binding carbon budgets, on track to the	The strategy covers the fourth and fifth carbon budgets, spanning 2023-2027 and 2028-2032, by when the UK must cut	The HAP DPD should support renewable energy provision including electricity,	Include a sustainability objective relating to increasing energy

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	2050 target, to be met. The Clean Growth Strategy sets out a range of policies and proposals, as well as possible long-term pathways for UK emissions in two ways – by decreasing emissions and by increasing economic growth.	its greenhouse gas emissions to 57% below 1990 levels.	heat and transport.	provided from decentralised renewable sources.
DECC (2014) <i>Community Energy Strategy</i>	Sets out plans to promote and facilitate the planning and development of decentralised community energy initiatives in four main types of energy activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generating energy (electricity or heat) • Reducing energy use (saving energy through energy efficiency and behaviour change) • Managing energy (balancing supply and demand) • Purchasing energy (collective purchasing or switching to save money on energy) 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Ensure that site allocations and policies will support community low carbon and renewable energy provision including electricity, heat and transport.	Include a sustainability objective relating to increasing energy provided from decentralised low carbon and renewable sources.
DECC (2012) <i>The Energy Efficiency Opportunity in the UK</i>	This is an Energy Efficiency Strategy aiming to realise the wider energy efficiency potential that is available in the UK economy. The Strategy identifies four barriers to energy efficiency which need to be overcome which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embryonic markets. • Information. • Misaligned financial incentives. • Undervaluing energy efficiency. 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Policies should seek to address the barriers identified within the Strategy and improve the existing building stock through appropriate adaptation measures.	Include SA objectives relating to energy efficiency and adaptation of the existing building stock.

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	The Strategy draws attention to maximising the potential of existing dwellings by implementing 21 st century energy management initiatives on 19 th century homes.			
Defra (2013) <i>The National Adaptation Programme – Making the Country Resilient to a Changing Climate</i>	<p>The report sets out visions for the following sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built Environment – <i>“buildings and places and the people who live and work in them are resilient to a changing climate and extreme weather and organisations in the built environment sector have an increased capacity to address the risks and take the opportunities from climate change”.</i> • Infrastructure – <i>“an infrastructure network that is resilient to today’s natural hazards and prepared for the future changing climate”.</i> • Healthy and resilient communities – <i>“a health service, a public health and social care system which are resilient and adapted to a changing climate. Communities and individuals, including the most vulnerable, are better prepared to cope with severe weather events and other impacts of climate change. Emergency services and local resilience capability take account of and are resilient to, a changing climate”.</i> • Agriculture and Forestry – <i>“profitable and productive agriculture and forestry sectors that take the opportunities from climate change are resilient to its threats and contribute to the resilience of the natural environment by helping maintain ecosystem</i> 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Policies should take account of the aims of the Programme.	Include SA objectives which seek to promote the implementation of adaptation measures to make the area more resilient to a changing climate.

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	<p><i>services and protect and enhance biodiversity</i>”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural Environment – <i>“the natural environment, with diverse and healthy ecosystems, is resilient to climate change, able to accommodate change and valued for the adaptation services it provides”</i>. • Business – <i>“UK businesses are resilient to extreme weather and prepared for future risks and opportunities from climate change”</i>. • Local Government – <i>“Local government plays a central in leading and supporting local places to become more resilient to a range of future risk and to be prepared for the opportunities from a changing climate”</i>. 			
<p>HM Government (2018) <i>A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment</i></p>	<p>The 25 Year Environment Plan sets out government action to tackle a wide range of environmental pressures.</p> <p>The 25 Year Environment Plan identifies six areas around which action will be focused. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using and managing land sustainably. • Recovering nature and enhancing the beauty of landscapes. • Connecting people with the environment to improve health and wellbeing. • Increasing resource efficiency, and 	<p>The 25 Year Environment sets out ambitious goals to manage pressures on the environment in the UK, based on England’s 159 National Character Areas and monitoring indicators.</p>	<p>Develop policies that promote conservation and enhancements of the natural environment and ensure that site allocations take account of the goals of the Environment Plan.</p>	<p>Include sustainability objective that relates to the protection of the natural environment.</p>

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	<p>reducing pollution and waste.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Securing clean, productive and biologically diverse seas and oceans. • Protecting and improving the global environment 			
<p>Environment Agency (2011) <i>The National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for England</i></p>	<p>This Strategy sets out the national framework for managing the risk of flooding and coastal erosion. It sets out the roles for risk management authorities and communities to help them understand their responsibilities.</p> <p>The strategic aims and objectives of the Strategy are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>"manage the risk to people and their property;</i> • <i>Facilitate decision-making and action at the appropriate level – individual, community or local authority, river catchment, coastal cell or national;</i> • <i>Achieve environmental, social and economic benefits, consistent with the principles of sustainable development".</i> 	<p>No targets or indicators of relevance.</p>	<p>Policies should seek to reduce and manage the risk of all types of flooding.</p>	<p>The SA Framework should include objectives which seek to reduce the risk and manage flooding sustainably.</p>
<p>DEFRA (GP3) <i>Underground, Under threat – Groundwater Protection: Policy and Practice</i></p>	<p>To prevent pollution of groundwater.</p>	<p>To meet Water Framework Directive requirements for groundwater quality.</p>	<p>The HAP DPD should recognise the importance and vulnerability of groundwater resources and ensure that they are not detrimentally affected by waste</p>	<p>Include an objective to protect groundwater quality.</p>

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			development.	
DEFRA (2008) <i>Future Water: The Government's Water Strategy for England</i>	<p>Sets out how the Government want the water sector to look by 2030 and an outline of the steps which need to be taken to get there.</p> <p>The vision for 2030 is one where we, as a country have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>"improved the quality of our water environment and the ecology it supports, and continue to maintain high standards of drinking water quality from taps;</i> • <i>Sustainably managed risks from flooding and coastal erosion, with greater understanding and more effective management of surface water;</i> • <i>Ensure a sustainable use of water resources, and implement fair, affordable and cost-reflective water charges;</i> • <i>Cut greenhouse gas emissions; and</i> • <i>Embed continuous adaptation to climate change and other pressures across the water industry and water users".</i> 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Policies and site allocations should aim to contribute to the vision set out in this Strategy.	Include SA objectives which seek to protect, manage and enhance the water environment.
<i>Water for People and the Environment: Water Resources Strategy for England and Wales</i> (Environment Agency, 2009)	<p>The Strategy vision for water resource "is for there to be enough water for people and the environment, meeting legitimate needs".</p> <p>Its aims include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To manage water resource and protect the water environment from climate change. • Restore, protect, improve and value species and habitats that depend on water. 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Policies and site allocations should reflect the aims of the strategy where relevant.	Include SA objective which seeks to promote water management and efficiency.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To contribute to sustainable development through good water management. <p>People to understand how water and the water environment contribute to their quality of life.</p>			
<p><i>Safeguarding our Soils: A Strategy for England</i> (DEFRA, 2009)</p>	<p>The vision is "<i>by 2030, all England's soils will be managed sustainability and degradation threats tackled successfully. This will improve the quality of England's soils and safeguard their ability to provide essential services for future generations</i>".</p> <p>The Strategy highlights the areas for priority including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better protection for agricultural soils. Protecting and enhancing stores of soil carbon. Building the resilience of soils to a changing climate. Preventing soil pollution. Effective soil protection during construction and development. Dealing with our legacy of contaminated land. 	<p>No targets or indicators of relevance.</p>	<p>Ensure that site allocations and policies will help protect and enhance the quality of soils and seek to sustainably manage their quality for future generations.</p>	<p>Include SA objective which seeks to safeguard and enhance the quality of soil.</p>
<p>DEFRA (2018) <i>Draft Clean Air Strategy 2018</i></p>	<p>The draft Clean Air Strategy 2018 sets out actions to improve air quality by reducing pollution from a wide range of sources. The final Clean Air Strategy will inform the detailed National Air Pollution Control Programme, to be published by March 2019.</p>	<p>No targets or indicators of relevance.</p>	<p>Ensure that site allocations and policies will contribute to maintaining and improving air quality.</p>	<p>Include sustainability objectives to protect and improve air quality.</p>
<p>DEFRA and DfT (2017) <i>Improving air quality in the UK: tackling nitrogen</i></p>	<p>The Plan provides an overview of actions that the UK Government plans to take to achieve reduction of harmful air pollution, particularly nitrogen dioxide. Proposes reducing air</p>	<p>No targets or indicators of relevance.</p>	<p>Ensure that site allocations and policies will contribute to maintaining and</p>	<p>Include sustainability objectives to protect and improve air</p>

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<i>dioxide in our towns and cities: Draft UK Air Quality Plan for tackling nitrogen dioxide</i>	pollution is via charging Clean Air Zones (CAZs) – areas in which emission standards determine whether a vehicle’s owner must pay a charge to enter.		improving air quality.	quality.
DEFRA (2017) <i>UK plan for tackling roadside nitrogen dioxide concentrations</i>	Statutory air quality plan for nitrogen dioxide (NO ₂), setting out how the UK will be reducing roadside nitrogen dioxide concentrations.	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Ensure that site allocations and policies will contribute to maintaining and improving air quality.	Include sustainability objectives to protect and improve air quality.
DEFRA (2007) <i>The Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland</i>	Make sure that everyone can enjoy a level of ambient air quality in public spaces, which poses no significant risk to health or quality of life. Render polluting emissions harmless.	Sets air quality standards for 13 air pollutants.	Ensure that site allocations and policies will contribute to maintaining and improving air quality.	Include sustainability objectives to protect and improve air quality.
DEFRA (2011) <i>Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England’s wildlife and ecosystem services</i>	The strategy aims to guide conservation efforts in England up to 2020, and move from a net biodiversity loss to gain. The strategy includes 22 priorities which include actions for the following sectors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture; • Forestry; • Planning and Development; • Water Management; • Marine Management; • Fisheries; • Air Pollution; and • Invasive Non-Native Species. 	The strategy develops ambitious yet achievable goals for 2020 and 2050, based on Aichi Targets set at the Nagoya UN Biodiversity Summit in October 2010.	Develop policies that promote conservation and enhancements of biodiversity and ensure that site allocations take account of the aims of the strategy.	Include sustainability objective that relates to biodiversity.
DEFRA (2011)	Enable all people throughout the world to	Sets out indicators to give an	Ensure that site	Include sustainability

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<i>Securing the Future: Delivering UK Sustainable Development Strategy</i>	<p>satisfy their basic needs and enjoy a better quality of life without compromising the quality of life for future generations. There are 4 shared priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sustainable consumption and production; • climate change and energy; • natural resource protection and environmental enhancement; and • sustainable communities. 	overview of sustainable development and priority areas in the UK. They include 20 of the UK Framework indicators and a further 48 indicators related to the priority areas.	allocations and policies meet the aims of the Sustainable Development Strategy.	objectives to cover the Strategy's shared priorities.
DCLG (2011) <i>Laying the Foundations: A Housing Strategy for England</i>	Aims to provide support to deliver new homes and improve social mobility.	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Make appropriate site allocations and policies for the provision of an appropriate supply of new homes.	Include sustainability objective that assesses whether housing need is being met.
HM Treasury (2015) <i>Fixing the Foundations – Creating a more prosperous nation</i>	Governments' framework for raising UK's productivity growth. 15-point plan centred around two key themes – Long Term Investment & Promoting a Dynamic Economy	No targets or indicators of relevance.	The HAP DPD should be mindful of the vision outlined within this document and should include policies that seek to enable the development of the economy.	The SA Framework should be mindful of this document and its vision
DfT (2013) <i>Door to Door: A strategy for improving sustainable transport integration</i>	The strategy's vision is for an inclusive, integrated and innovative transport system that works for everyone, and where making door-to-door journeys by sustainable means is an attractive and convenient option. Four key areas to address are highlighted:	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Ensure that site allocations and policies will enhance public transport provision and encourage active	Include a relevant sustainability objective relating to sustainable transport .

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> improving availability of information; simplifying ticketing; making connections between different steps in the journey, and different modes of transport, easier; and providing better interchange facilities. 		modes of travel such as walking and cycling.	
DoH (2010) Healthy Lives, Healthy People: our Strategy for public health in England	Protect the population from serious health threats; helping people live longer, healthier and more fulfilling lives; and improving the health of the poorest, fastest. Prioritise public health funding from within the overall NHS budget.	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Ensure that site allocations and policies reflect the objectives of the strategy.	Include a sustainability objective relating to health and well-being .
HM Government (2015) <i>Sporting Future: A New Strategy for an Active Nation</i>	<p>Main objectives of relevance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A primary goal is to use sport to improve people's lives, including through increased community cohesion Sport and activity improves physical and mental health, creating a fitter, healthier and happier nation, which will help in tackling growing levels of obesity, diabetes, mental health problems and other conditions associated with inactivity. Physical activity also helps to provide jobs and drive economic growth. The type, suitability and quality of infrastructure and the opportunity to take part in an activity, natural environment needs to be designed to make taking part in physical activity safer and easier and an easy choice. In line with the NPPF, robust and up to date assessments of needs for sport and 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	The HAP DPD should be mindful of the vision outlined within this document and should include policies and allocate sites that seek to improve public health and human well-being.	Include a sustainability objective relating to health and well-being .

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	<p>recreation are required. Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land should not be built on unless the sites have been assessed as surplus to requirement or the loss would be replaced by equivalent or better provision that would outweigh the loss.</p>			
<p>Sport England (2016) <i>Towards an Active Nation, Strategy 2016-2021</i></p>	<p>Main objectives of relevance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The vision is for everyone, from young to old, to engage in sport and physical activity, increased activity will provide benefits in terms of physical and mental wellbeing and individual, community and economic development. The emphasis is for inactive people to become active. The strategy highlights the Government's aims to double cycling activity by 2025, to reduce each year the rate of cyclists killed or seriously injured on English roads and to reverse the decline in walking, and increase the percentage of children aged 5 to 10 walking to school. The Government is aiming for cycling and walking to become the natural choice for shorter journeys or as part of a longer journey. Cycling and walking should become safer and be perceived to be safe. Walking and cycling should be easy, normal and enjoyable. 	<p>No targets or indicators of relevance.</p>	<p>Ensure that site allocations and policies reflect the objectives of the strategy.</p>	<p>Include a sustainability objective relating to health and well-being.</p>
<p>DfT (2016) <i>Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy</i></p>	<p>Our objectives are that by 2020, we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increase cycling activity, where cycling activity is measured as the estimated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We aim to double cycling, where cycling activity is measured as the estimated total number of cycle stages 	<p>Ensure that policies encourage active travel and that site</p>	<p>Include a relevant sustainability objective relating to</p>

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	<p>total number of cycle stages made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increase walking activity, where walking activity is measured as the total number of walking stages per person 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 increase the percentage of children aged 5 to 10 that usually walk to school 1.15 	<p>made each year, from 0.8 billion stages in 2013 to 1.6 billion stages in 2025, and will work towards developing the evidence base over the next year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We aim to increase walking activity, where walking activity is measured as the total number of walking stages per person per year, to 300 stages per person per year in 2025, and will work towards developing the evidence base over the next year. We will increase the percentage of children aged 5 to 10 that usually walk to school from 49% in 2014 to 55% in 2025. 	<p>allocations are in close proximity to cycle networks and PROWs.</p>	<p>sustainable transport and active travel.</p>
<p><i>Accessible Natural Green Space Standards in Towns and Cities: A Review and Toolkit for their Implementation</i> (Natural England, 2003) and <i>Nature Nearby: Accessible Green Space Guidance</i> (Natural England,</p>	<p>These publications by Natural England explain and give guidance on the concept of Accessible Natural Green Space Standards (ANGSt). The 2010 report provides practical advice to planning authorities on meeting the standards within new and existing developments.</p>	<p>ANGSt recommends that everyone, wherever they live, should have an accessible natural greenspace:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> of at least 2ha in size, no more than 300m (5 minutes’ walk) from home; at least one accessible 20ha site within 2km of home; one accessible 100ha site within 5km of home; and 	<p>The HAP DPD should endeavour to meet ANGSt standards.</p>	<p>The SA should include objectives relating to access to natural greenspace.</p>

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2010)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> one accessible 500ha site within 10km of home; plus a minimum of 1ha of statutory Local Nature Reserves per thousand population. 		
White and Green Papers				
Housing White Paper (DCLG, 2017) <i>Fixing our broken housing market</i>	The emphasis of the Paper is on four areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Planning Authorities planning for the right homes in the right places Building homes faster Diversifying the housing market Helping people right now to invest in affordable homes 	Currently a consultation document so targets and indicators have not yet been decided.	The Hereford Area Plan DPD will need to take account of the changes proposed in the White Paper. Greater clarity required in respect of Objectively Assessed Housing Need, delivery rates, the process of plan making, generation of new communities.	The SA will need to consider objectives in respect of housing provision, community facilities and services.
Part of the Housing White Paper Fixing our broken housing market <i>Planning for the right homes in the right place: consultation proposals</i> (DCLG, 2017)	The consultation document sets out a number of proposals to reform the planning system to increase the supply of new homes and increase local authority capacity to manage growth. Proposals include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a standard method for calculating local authorities' housing need how neighbourhood planning groups can have greater certainty on the level of 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	The objectively assessed need for housing will need to be based on the new standardised methodology for calculating housing need.	The SA will need to consider objectives in respect of new housing provision and the local authority's capacity to manage growth

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	<p>housing need to plan for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a statement of common ground to improve how local authorities work together to meet housing and other needs across boundaries • • making the use of viability assessments simpler, quicker and more transparent • • increased planning application fees in those areas where local planning authorities are delivering the homes their communities need <p>It also includes a 'Housing need consultation data table' which sets out the housing need for each local planning authority using the proposed method, how many homes every place in the country is currently planning for, and, where available, how many homes they believe they need.</p>			
<p><i>Industrial Strategy: Building a Britain fit for the future</i> (HM Government, 2017)</p>	<p>The Government White Paper sets out the approach to building an industrial strategy that addresses long term challenges to the UK economy by improving living standards and economic growth by increasing productivity and driving growth across the whole country. It identifies five foundations of productivity: Ideas; people; Infrastructure; Business Environment; and Places.</p>	<p>No targets or indicators of relevance.</p>	<p>The policies will need to encourage economic growth across the whole plan area and take account of changing economic conditions and requirements to support businesses and enterprises.</p>	<p>The SA will need to consider objectives in relation to economic growth and development.</p>
<p>Natural Environment White Paper (DEFRA,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting and improving our natural environment; • Growing a green economy; and 	<p>No targets or indicators of relevance.</p>	<p>Ensure that site allocations and</p>	<p>Include a sustainability</p>

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2011) <i>The Natural Choice: securing the value of nature</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconnecting people and nature. 		policies will protect the intrinsic value of nature and recognise the multiple benefits it could have for communities.	objective relating to the enhancement of the natural environment.
Electricity Market Reform White Paper 2011 (DEFRA, 2011) <i>Planning our Electric Future: A White Paper for Secure, Affordable and Low-Carbon Electricity</i>	This White Paper sets out the Government's commitment to transform the UK's electricity system to ensure that our future electricity supply is secure, low-carbon and affordable.	15 per cent renewable energy target by 2020 and 80 per cent carbon reduction target by 2050.	Ensure that site allocations and policies will support renewable energy generation and encourage greater energy efficiency.	Include sustainability objectives to reduce carbon emissions and increase proportion of energy generated from renewable sources.
Water White Paper (DEFRA 2011) <i>Water for Life</i>	Objectives of the White Paper are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paint a clear vision of the future and create the conditions which enable the water sector and water users to prepare for it; Deliver benefits across society through an ambitious agenda for improving water quality, working with local communities to make early improvements in the health of our rivers by reducing pollution and tackling unsustainable abstraction; Keep short and longer term affordability for customers at the centre of decision making in the water sector; Protect the interests of taxpayers in the 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Ensure that site allocations and policies will support the efficient use of water, and improvement of water quality.	Include sustainability objectives that relate to water quality and quantity.

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	<p>policy decisions that we take;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure a stable framework for the water sector which remains attractive to investors; • Stimulate cultural change in the water sector by removing barriers to competition, fostering innovation and efficiency, and encouraging new entrants to the market to help improve the range and quality of services offered to customers and cut business costs; • Work with water companies, regulators and other stakeholders to build understanding of the impact personal choices have on the water environment, water resources and costs; and • Set out roles and responsibilities – including where Government will take a stronger role in strategic direction setting and assessing resilience to future challenges, as well as clear expectations on the regulators. 			
<p><i>The Future of Transport White Paper 2004: A network for 2030</i> (DfT, 2004)</p>	<p>Ensure we can benefit from mobility and access while minimising the impact on other people and the environment, now and in the future.</p> <p>Get the best out of our transport system without damaging our overall quality of life.</p> <p>Develop strategies that recognise that demand</p>	<p>20% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by 2010 and 60% reduction by 2050. Transport is currently responsible for about a quarter of total emissions.</p>	<p>Develop policies and allocate sites that provide for an increase in demand for travel whilst minimising impact on the environment. Policies and site allocations also need</p>	<p>Include sustainability objectives to reduce the need to travel and improve choice and use of sustainable transport modes.</p>

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	<p>for travel will increase in the future.</p> <p>Work towards a transport network that can meet the challenges of a growing economy and the increasing demand for travel but can also achieve the government's environmental objectives.</p>		to promote public transport use rather than increasing reliance on the car.	
<p>Urban White Paper (DCLG, 2000)</p> <p><i>Our Towns and Cities: The Future – delivering an urban renaissance</i></p>	<p>New sustainable homes that are attractive, safe and practical. Retaining people in urban areas and making them more desirable places to live. Improving quality of life, opportunity and economic success through tailored solutions in towns and cities.</p>	<p>3.8 million more homes needed by 2021. Local strategies needed to meet the needs of local people developed through partnerships. 60% of new homes on brownfield sites or through conversions of existing buildings.</p>	<p>Allocate sites that will effectively deliver better towns and cities taking into account the key aims of the White Paper.</p>	<p>Include sustainability objectives to ensure that the majority of new development will be built on brownfield sites and aim to improve the quality of life of residents.</p>
National Legislation				
<p>Localism Act 2011</p>	<p>The Localism Act introduced a number of measures to provide greater decision making powers at the local level, creating space for Local Authorities to lead and innovate, and giving people the opportunity to take control of decisions that matter to them. The proposals set out in the Localism Act include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New freedoms and flexibility for local government; • New rights and powers for communities and individuals; • Reforms to make the planning system 	<p>No targets or indicators of relevance.</p>	<p>The Hereford Area Plan DPD should be prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Act. In preparing the DPD, the Local authority will be required to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with</p>	<p>The SA should be consulted upon at key stages during its preparation.</p>

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	<p>more democratic and more effective;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reforms to ensure decisions about housing are taken locally 		other local authorities to meet the Duty to Co-operate.	
Housing Act 2004	<p>Protect the most vulnerable in society and help create a fairer and better housing market.</p> <p>Strengthen the Government’s drive to meet its 2010 decent homes target.</p>	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Ensure that site allocations and policies will help to create a fairer and better housing market.	Include sustainability objectives to improve access to good quality and affordable housing.
Flood and Water Management Act 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve the management of flood risk for people, homes and businesses. To protect water supplies. 	<p>Local Authorities to prepare flood risk assessments, flood maps and plans.</p> <p>Lead Local Flood Authorities to prepare Local flood risk management strategies.</p>	Ensure that site allocations and policies take account of flooding and water management issues and strategies.	Consider inclusion of an objective to reduce flood risk and other impacts on the water environment.
Climate Change Act 2008	The Climate Change Act 2008 introduced a statutory target of reducing carbon emissions.	Target of reducing carbon emissions by 80 per cent below 1990 levels by 2050, with an interim target of 34% by 2020.	Planning makes a significant contribution to both mitigating and adapting to climate change through its ability to influence the location, scale, mix and character of development. The DPD should include policies that contribute towards achieving lower carbon emissions and greater resilience to	Objectives should reflect the aims set in the Climate Change Act to reduce carbon emissions.

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			the impacts of climate change.	
The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000	Emphasises the public's right of access to open country and common land, and gives additional protection to Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).	No targets or indicators of relevance.	The Hereford Area Plan DPD should seek to conserve and enhance PROWs and SSSIs.	The SA Framework should include objectives relating to the protection of SSSIs and PROWs.
Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990)	Sets out laws on granting of planning permission for building works for listed buildings and conservation areas in England and Wales.	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Ensure that planning protects and sustains heritage assets and put them to viable uses with their conservation.	The SA Framework should include objectives relating to the conservation of historic features.
Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979	Sets out legislation to protect ancient monuments, including Scheduled Ancient Monuments or any other monument which in the opinion of the Secretary of State is of public interest.	No targets or indicators of relevance.	The DPD should protect and sustain ancient monuments.	The SA Framework should include objectives relating to the conservation of ancient monuments.
The Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 – Section 41: list of habitats and species of principal importance in England 2008	The lists have been prepared by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs as required under section 41(1) of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006. They identify the living organisms (species) and types of habitat which the Secretary of State considers are of principal importance for the purpose of	The extensive lists of habitats and species are available on the JNCC website at: [UK BAP Priority Habitats] http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-5718 [UK BAP Priority Species]	The DPD should further the conservation of the habitats and species on the list.	The SA Framework and particularly the SA Objectives and sub-objectives focusing on biodiversity should reflect the requirements of the

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	conserving biodiversity in England.	http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-5717		NERC Act.
Regulations				
The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (2010) (as amended)	The Regulations provide for the designation and protection of 'European sites', the protection of 'European protected species', and the adaptation of planning and other controls for the protection of European Sites.		Consider how the DPD can contribute to meeting the regulations.	Include sustainability objectives relating to protection of European sites.

Table 3 Key local plans, programmes and environmental protection objectives

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LOCAL				
Herefordshire Council (2015) <i>Herefordshire Core Strategy 2011 – 2031</i>	The Core Strategy provides the strategic planning framework for the county’s future development needs. It sets out a range of policies to identify what those needs are and how they can be met.	Preparation of Annual Monitoring Report.	Ensure that site allocations and policies will be in conformity with the Core Strategy, consider its objectives and add more detailed policies to guide development in certain areas.	The SA Framework will include objectives to ensure a balanced approach taken to new development to ensure sustainability principles are met.
Herefordshire Council (2017) <i>Herefordshire Local Plan Travellers’ Sites Development Plan Document Pre-submission Publication</i>	By ensuring that there is an adequate supply of traveller pitches on authorised sites, the following can be achieved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conformity with national planning policy and the Equality Act 2010 • Providing decent accommodation for the Travelling Community • Providing greater opportunities to access a range of facilities particularly health and education, therefore providing better opportunities for improved life outcomes. • Helping to reduce the number of unauthorised sites where Traveller families are more likely to experience 	No targets or indicators of relevance.	Ensure that HAP DPD takes into account the relevant considerations in the document.	Include relevant sustainability objectives relating to social inclusion and environmental protection.

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	<p>poor outcomes in terms of access to health and education services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for greater social interconnection between the travelling and settled community. 			
<p>Herefordshire Council (2017) <i>Invest Herefordshire – Herefordshire’s Economic Vision</i></p>	<p>The economic vision has four key roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to support the growth of the Herefordshire economy by identifying priority projects; • to attract investment to Herefordshire and guide it within the County; • to raise the profile of Herefordshire and the investment opportunities; and, • to provide Herefordshire with clear priorities for negotiations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase GVA per head by 10% in real terms from £19,500 to £21,500 by 2031. • Directly assist in the creation of 1,000 new businesses by 2031. • Create 10,000 new jobs by 2031. • Provide 1,500 HE student places in county by 2025. • Increase the total visitor spend by 7.5% by 2021. • Increase the total number of annual visits by 10% to over 5.5 million visitors. • A 30% reduction in Herford through traffic average journey times by 	<p>The DPD should support economic growth.</p>	<p>The SA Framework will include objectives to help to meet economic vision of the County.</p>

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		2031. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% increase in the number of people cycling regularly by 2021 and a 200% increase by 2031. 		
Herefordshire Council (2011) <i>Waste Strategy for Herefordshire and Worcestershire 2004-2034</i>	Aims to reduce waste and restrict growth by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing packaging and facilitating more sustainable consumer behaviour Re-use waste – through re-use schemes. Retain waste –within the household through home composting and the use of home waste disposal units for kitchen waste where composting is unsuitable Recycle waste – Through the provision of a single container to each household that will contain all dry recyclable material, to be collected fortnightly and automatically separated Recovery of value from residual Final disposal – into suitable landfill sites, which recover gas to generate energy as far as practicable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieve the national reductions in household residual waste of 35% by 2015 and 45% by 2020. Work towards achieving national recycling/composting levels of household waste of 45% by March 2015 and 50% by March 2020. Continue to meet the requirements of the Household Waste Recycling Act 2003. By 2015, or earlier if practicable, recover value from a minimum of 78% of municipal waste. Reduce the amount of biodegradable 	The DPD should support the waste hierarchy – reduce, reuse, recycle, other recovery and disposal.	The SA Framework will include objectives which support the waste hierarchy .

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		municipal waste landfilled in order to meet the yearly allowances set by Government under the Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme.		
Herefordshire Council (2016) <i>Herefordshire Local Transport Plan 4 2016-2031</i>	<p>The LTP4 objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable economic growth – by building new roads linking new development to the transport network and by reducing short distance car journeys. • Provide a good quality transport network for all users – by being proactive in our asset management and by working closely with the public, Highways England and rail and bus companies. • Promote healthy lifestyles – by making sure new developments maximise healthier and less polluting forms of transport by delivering and promoting active travel schemes and by reducing short distance single occupant car journeys on our roads. • Make journeys easier and safer – by making bus and rail tickets compatible and easier to buy and 	The Transport Plan 2016-2031 contains a range of monitoring indicators. Issues covered include the following: Congestion, accessibility, road traffic accidents, road and footway maintenance, conditions of highway structures, road flooding.	The DPD should include policies and allocate sites which aim to reduce traffic growth, pollution and congestion.	The SA Framework will include objectives that seek to achieve sustainable transport systems.

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	<p>use, by providing 'real time' information at well-equipped transport hubs, by improving signage to walking and cycling routes and by helping people feel safe during their journeys.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure access to services for those living in rural areas – by improving the resilience of our road network and by working closely with all transport operators to deliver a range of transport options particularly for those without a car. 			
<p>Herefordshire Council (2005) <i>Biodiversity Action Plan</i></p> <p><i>This document is currently being reviewed and updated</i></p>	<p>Protect and enhance the county's biodiversity assets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the condition of Council owned Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) • Prepare and implement a Biodiversity Action Plan complete with an effective monitoring, reporting and review system • Protect and enhance the biodiversity on Council owned land 	<p>Indicators and targets are included for each objective.</p>	<p>The DPD should include policies and allocate sites which preserve and enhance, where possible, the wildlife and habitats of Herefordshire.</p>	<p>The SA Framework will include objectives that seek to protect and enhance the county's biodiversity assets.</p>
<p>Malvern Hills AONB Partnership (2014) <i>Malvern Hills AONB Management Plan 2014-2019</i></p>	<p>Aims of the management plan include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To conserve and enhance the features which contribute to the distinctive landscapes of the area. • To preserve, promote and wisely use 	<p>No specific targets or indicators.</p>	<p>The DPD should be consistent with supporting the objectives in the Management Plan to conserve and enhance</p>	<p>The SA Framework should include objectives to enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's.</p>

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	<p>the geodiversity of the AONB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To value, conserve, restore and wisely use nature To conserve and enhance the historic environment of the AONB, including the significance of its heritage assets, their setting and the historic character of the landscape. 		the Malvern Hills AONB.	
<p>Wye Valley AONB Partnership (2015) <i>Wye Valley AONB Management Plan, 2015-2020</i></p>	<p>Aims of the management plan include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conserve and, where necessary, enhance the natural beauty of the landscape in the Wye Valley AONB, with its natural and cultural features and processes and the Special Qualities and features of the Landscape Management Zones. Conserve, and where appropriate enhance, the biodiversity of the AONB Conserve and enhance sites that are important for the scientific and general understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the geodiversity heritage of the AONB. Conserve and sympathetically manage the historic environment and cultural heritage of the AONB and promote engagement with and understanding of it. 	No specific targets or indicators.	The DPD should be consistent with supporting the objectives in the Management Plan to conserve and enhance the Wye Valley AONB.	The SA Framework should include objectives to enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that all development with and impacting on the AONB is compatible with the aims of AONB designation. • Ensure all minerals development within the AONB is compatible with the aims of AONB designation • Ensure the most sustainable, effective and efficient use and supply of services and energy within and impacting on the AONB, compatible with the aims of AONB designation • Ensure transport in the AONB is sustainable and integrated and compatible with the purposes of AONB designation. 			
<p>Environment Agency & Natural England (2014) <i>River Wye SAC Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)</i></p>	<p>The aims of the NMP are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sections of the River Wye SAC where the phosphate levels currently exceed the favourable condition target (River Lugg) will be subject to measures to reduce phosphate levels to those which are defined as favourable for the site. The design and timing of these measures should ensure that, taking these measures into account, new development within existing water discharge permits can occur without any significant adverse effect on the integrity of these sections of the River Wye SAC and without compromising the achievement of the reductions in 	<p>Phosphate levels in the River Wye (annual averages) to be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • River Wye from English/Welsh boundary to the River Lugg confluence - 0.03mg/l soluble reactive phosphorus (SRP) (I.e. the standard to achieve in the River Wye immediately upstream of the confluence with the River Lugg is 0.03mg/l SRP) • River Wye from the Lugg confluence downstream – 0.05mg/l SRP (I.e. the standard to achieve in the River Wye 	<p>The DPD should be consistent with supporting the objectives in the Plan.</p>	<p>The SA Framework will include an objective relating to water quality and to the conservation of sites of international importance to nature conservation.</p>

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	<p>phosphate levels required as soon as possible and at the latest by 2027;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sections currently meeting the favourable condition phosphate target will be subject to measures to ensure that future inputs of phosphate will not at any time lead to any adverse effect on the integrity of the River Wye SAC as a consequence of currently available capacity at the permitted discharges being utilised by new development; and <p>The plan will attempt to identify further actions which will facilitate further development within the catchment that is in line with the policies within the emerging core strategy and other strategic planning documents within the catchments of the River Wye SAC.</p> <p>The objectives of the NMP include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Source apportionment within the River Wye and River Lugg catchments to understand current phosphate contributions from the point and diffuse sectors, focusing on significant water company and point source discharges and on diffuse inputs from the agricultural sector; Assessment of the additional phosphate loads from these sectors as a result of the planned growth within Herefordshire; and 	<p>downstream of the confluence with the River Lugg is 0.05mg/l SRP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> River Lugg (from Leominster to Wye confluence) – 0.05mg/l SRP (I.e. the standard to achieve in the River Lugg immediately upstream of the confluence with the River Wye is 0.05mg/l SRP.) <p>A target of 0.03mg/l SRP has also been set for the River Lugg upstream of Leominster, which is designated as a SSSI, although it is not part of the SAC.</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of the scale of potential phosphate reduction measures that could be required to aim to achieve compliance with the River Wye SAC targets for phosphates. 			
<p>Environment Agency (2015) Water for life and livelihoods: <i>The Severn River Basin District Management Plan</i></p>	<p>Improved water quality within the Severn River Basin which includes the River Wye catchment.</p>	<p>To meet the requirements of the Water Framework Directive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevent deterioration in the status of aquatic ecosystems, protect them and improve the ecological condition of waters; Aim to achieve good status for all waterbodies by 2021 or 2027; Meet the requirements of Water Framework Directive protected areas; Promote sustainable use of water as a natural resource; Conserve habitats and species that depend directly on water; Progressively reduce or phase out the release of individual pollutants or groups of pollutants that present a significant 	<p>Increasing percentage of river length achieving good environment status by target dates of 2021, 2027 and beyond 2027.</p>	<p>Consider inclusion of objective to protect and enhance water quality.</p>

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		<p>threat to the aquatic environment;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressively reduce the pollution of groundwater and prevent or limit the entry of pollutants; Contribute to mitigating the effects of floods and droughts. 		
Herefordshire Council (2017) <i>Local Flood Risk Management Strategy</i>	<p>The strategy objectives for managing local flood risk are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand flood risks throughout Herefordshire. Manage the likelihood and impacts of flooding. Help the community help themselves. Manage flood warning, response and recovery. Promote sustainable and appropriate development. 	The Local Flood Risk Management Strategy sets out a work programme to be undertaken, subject to funding coming forward.	The DPD should include policies consistent with sustainable flood risk management.	Consider inclusion of objectives to reduce the risk of flooding and the impact on society, the economy and the environment.
Herefordshire Council (2009) <i>Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for Herefordshire</i>	<p>The main objective of the SFRA is to provide flood information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> So that an evidence based and risk based sequential approach can be adopted when making planning decisions, in line with Planning Policy Statement 25 (Development and Flood Risk) – PPS25; That it is strategic in that it covers a wide spatial area and looks at flood 	No key targets or indicators.	The DPD must take into account the SFRA's sequential testing and guidance for selecting suitable sites.	Consider inclusion of objectives related to flood risk.

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	<p>risk today and in the future;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That supports sustainability appraisals of the local development frameworks; and, • That identifies what further investigations may be required in flood risk assessments for specific development proposals. 			
<p>Environment Agency Wales (2010) <i>The Wye and Usk Catchment Flood Management Plan and The Severn Catchment Flood Management Plan</i></p>	<p>CFMP aims to promote more sustainable approaches to managing flood risk.</p>	<p>Indicators include: Coastal and fluvial flood frequency; Environment Agency annual indicative flood zone updates; Environment Agency quarterly indicative flood plain mapping</p>	<p>The DPD should include policies consistent with sustainable flood risk management.</p>	<p>Consider inclusion of objectives to reduce the risk of flooding and the impact on society, the economy and the environment.</p>
<p>Herefordshire Council (2010) <i>Green Infrastructure Strategy Herefordshire</i></p>	<p>The objectives of the plan are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide an evidence base of green infrastructure assets based on a comprehensive analysis and understanding of: all natural resources and systems; all related land uses and human systems and activities, both past and current • To establish a vision for a sustainable future for Herefordshire's environment and green infrastructure assets. • To identify and promote the economic, social and health benefits of a multifunctional environment, 	<p>Prepare Design Guidance for developers.</p>	<p>The DPD should protect existing green infrastructure and support the incorporation of green infrastructure into new developments.</p>	<p>The SA Framework should consider inclusion of objectives to support the protection of existing green infrastructure and the incorporation of green infrastructure into new developments.</p>

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	<p>centred on a dynamic green infrastructure network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure comprehensive recognition of green infrastructure assets, deficiencies and opportunities within the local planning framework. • To establish principles and policies that secure protection and promote the enhancement of existing green infrastructure, and identify opportunities and means of creating new, high quality green infrastructure. • To produce guidelines for developers, planners and land managers that will ensure the successful integration, implementation and ongoing management of green infrastructure. • To maximise the contribution green infrastructure provision can make towards mitigating the effects of and adapting to the implications of climate change, including flood risk management. • To identify specific projects and opportunities, including opportunities for funding, that best deliver green infrastructure and act as examples to others. • To realise the contribution green infrastructure can make to the reversal of habitat fragmentation and decline in biodiversity through investment in the restoration, 			

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	<p>creation and protection of priority habitats.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To realise the contribution green infrastructure can make to the protection and restoration of landscape character and cultural heritage, particularly the reversal in decline in condition of landscapes. 			
<p>Visit Herefordshire (2017) <i>Hereford City Destination Management Plan 2018-2022</i></p>	<p>There are four priorities for Hereford:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority one – Grow Hereford city as a visitor destination Priority two – Grow Hereford share of the visitor market Priority three – Developing great experience and memories Priority four – Developing People 	<p>No targets or indicators of relevance.</p>	<p>The DPD should include policies that promote and expand Hereford’s visitor economy while considering the local residents and mitigating impacts on the environment.</p>	<p>The SA Framework should include objectives to promote the visitor economy in Hereford.</p>
<p>Visit Herefordshire (2017) <i>Rural Herefordshire Sustainable Destination Management Plan 2018-2022</i></p>	<p>The aim of the document is for tourism to thrive and contribute to the prosperity of Herefordshire. There are four key priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grow Herefordshire as a visitor destination. Grow Herefordshire’s share of visitor markets. Develop great rural experiences and memories. Develop people. 	<p>No targets or indicators of relevance.</p>	<p>The DPD should include policies that promote sustainable tourism in Herefordshire.</p>	<p>The SA Framework should include objectives to promote the visitor economy in Herefordshire.</p>
<p>A Management Plan for the Brecon Beacons National</p>	<p>Contains a plan for managing the use and development of the National Park under six</p>	<p>No targets or indicators of relevance.</p>	<p>The DPD should be consistent with supporting the</p>	<p>The SA Framework should include objectives to enhance and protect</p>

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Park 2015-2020	<p>themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Theme 1: Managing Park Landscapes to Maximise Conservation and Public Benefits. - Theme 2: Conserving and Enhancing Biodiversity. - Theme 3: Provide Opportunities for Outdoor Access and Recreation. - Theme 4: Raising Awareness and Understanding of the Park. - Theme 5: Building and Maintaining Sustainable Communities, Towns and Villages. - Theme 6: Sustainable Economic Development. <p>Each theme contains a number of aims, objectives and actions.</p>		objectives in the Management Plan to conserve and enhance the Brecon Beacons National Park.	natural environmental assets including landscape and biodiversity, as well as objectives to protect and enhance open space.
Historic England (2017) <i>Urban Panel Review Paper for Hereford</i>	The Review Paper makes a number of recommendations for developing the new University in Hereford. For example, developing clearly-identifiable architectural language to articulate which buildings and spaces across the city are 'Hereford University'; to prepare a City-wide Masterplan; to undertake a strategic review of car parking provision in the City;	No targets or indicators of relevance.	The DPD should take into account, where possible, the recommendations in the Review Paper.	The SA Framework should include objectives to conserve and enhance the historic environment.
Herefordshire Council (2011) <i>Hereford City Defences: A Conservation</i>	Contains proposals intended to form a strategy for the long-term maintenance, protection, enhancement, display and promotion of Hereford's medieval defences	No targets or indicators of relevance.	The DPD should include policies that promote conservation and enhancement of	The SA Framework should include objectives to conserve and enhance the historic

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<i>Management Plan</i>	<p>while simultaneously safeguarding and highlighting their historical significance.</p> <p>The Plan sets out the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a permanent programme for routine maintenance. • Undertake a review of the spatial scope of current statutory designation provision and in particular the extent of scheduling. • Resolve issues concerning the interface between the planned Retail Quarter and the city walls. • Continue remedial work (1) on recent vegetation re-growth and (2), on failed structural elements and unstable masonry in the Greyfriars Surgery/Black Lion area. • Develop and carry out a project to better record and understand, and restore one or both surviving bastions and improve public access and information. • Develop an interpretation strategy, linked to other city-centre initiatives, for example streetscape re-design and enhancement. • Develop a floodlighting and display strategy to improve the setting of the walls and their display. • Encourage other bodies to bring develop proposals for the enhancement of the monuments. <p>Developmental priorities for the period</p>		historic environment, including the Hereford Area of Archaeological Importance and City Walls Scheduled Monument.	environment.

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	<p>2012-2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and strategic development: better 'inscription' (visibility) of the wall in all localities. • Tourism and economic development. • Case-led or area-led development, especially Berrington Street and Bath Street. • Research and documentation. 			
<p>Lower Bullingham Parish Council (2017) <i>Lower Bullingham Neighbourhood Development Plan</i></p>	<p>This Neighbourhood Development Plan was adopted in May 2017 and sets out the Development Management policies that will be used to guide and determine development proposals in Lower Bullingham to 2031.</p> <p>The Vision states:</p> <p><i>"By 2031 we will have protected the quality of life in Lower Bullingham and ensured that any future development within the parish maintains and improves the quality of life of existing and future residents".</i></p> <p>The Plan sets out 6 objectives to achieve the Vision:</p> <p>Objective 1 – to increase the level of off-street car parking.</p> <p>Objective 2 – to improve the standard of design.</p> <p>Objective 3 – to improve and protect open green spaces.</p>	<p>No targets or indicators of relevance.</p>	<p>The DPD must take into account the vision, objectives and policies contained within the Lower Bullingham Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p>	<p>The SA Framework should include objectives relating to sustainable regeneration, traffic reduction, access to services and facilities and implications for health (including open space) and preservation and enhancement of public realm and built environment.</p>

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	<p>Objective 4 – to integrate the southern urban extension with the existing communities in the parish and to minimise the impact arising from this significant development.</p> <p>Objective 5 - to maximise the benefit of any community infrastructure raised in the parish.</p> <p>Objective 6 – to reduce the risk of flooding.</p> <p>The Plan includes 8 Development Management policies to ensure that the objectives of the Plan are met.</p>			
<p>Belmont Rural Parish Council (2017) <i>Belmont Rural Neighbourhood Development Plan</i></p>	<p>This Neighbourhood Development Plan was adopted in July 2017 and sets out the Development Management policies that will be used to guide and determine development proposals in Belmont to 2031.</p> <p>The Vision states:</p> <p><i>“By 2031 Belmont Rural will have grown to take advantage of the Western Relief Road. Key green areas and open spaces will have been protected. Access to and from the area will have been improved allowing safe, easy access to quality services, open spaces and the wider countryside”.</i></p> <p>The Plan sets out 7 objectives to achieve the Vision, these being:</p> <p>Objective 1: To protect and improve open spaces.</p>	<p>No targets or indicators of relevance.</p>	<p>The DPD must take into account the vision, objectives and policies contained within the Belmont Rural Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p>	<p>The SA Framework should include objectives relating to creating and maintaining a sustainable economy, access to services and facilities (including open space), provision of good quality affordable housing, and efficient land use.</p>

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	<p>Objective 2: To protect 'Home Farm'.</p> <p>Objective 3: To support long term development proposals for the former Belmont Gold Club.</p> <p>Objective 4: To improve and protect the quality and access of community facilities.</p> <p>Objective 5: To identify small, infill sites for new housing.</p> <p>Objective 6: To improve access to the area, taking advantage of the Western Relief Road.</p> <p>Objective 7: To support local small and medium businesses.</p> <p>The Plan includes 7 Development Management policies to ensure that the objectives of the Plan are met.</p>			
<p>Dinedor Parish Council (2017) <i>Dinedor Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan</i></p>	<p>The Draft Dinedor Neighbourhood Development Plan covers the period 2017-2031.</p> <p>The Plan sets out that the area's Vision is: <i>"Dinedor Parish is to maintain its rural nature and to promote the health, well-being and sense of community of the residents. To support this, all development in the parish should go forward in such a manner as to minimise the effect on the parish's current character and environment".</i></p> <p>The Plan sets out 9 objectives to meet the Vision, including:</p>	<p>No targets or indicators of relevance.</p>	<p>The DPD must take into account the vision, objectives and policies contained within the Dinedor Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p>	<p>The SA Framework should include objectives relating to creating and maintaining a sustainable economy, improving health, access to services and facilities (including open space), provision of good quality affordable housing, efficient land use, preserving cultural heritage and the landscape and</p>

Plan, Programme or Environmental Protection Objective	Key objectives relevant to HAP DPD and SA	Key targets and indicators relevant to HAP DPD and SA	Implications for the HAP DPD	Implications for SA
	<p>Objective 1: To help meet local housing needs up to 2031.</p> <p>Objective 2: To ensure all new development is of good quality design.</p> <p>Objective 3: Travelling in and around Dinedor.</p> <p>Objective 4: To promote the development and diversification of rural businesses.</p> <p>Objective 5: Protecting and enhancing the rural environment and landscape.</p> <p>Objective 6: To protect local heritage assets and support heritage investigations.</p> <p>Objective 7: To protect local green spaces.</p> <p>Objective 8: To protect community facilities.</p> <p>The Plan includes Development Management policies to ensure that each of the objectives of the Plan are met.</p>			<p>sustainable transport provision.</p>
<p>Holmer and Shelwick Parish Council (2018) <i>Holmer and Shelwick Neighbourhood Development Plan Informal Consultation Draft</i></p>	<p>The Consultation Draft of the Plan was published in March 2018. The Plan sets of the following Vision to 2031:</p> <p><i>"By 2031 Holmer & Shelwick will have grown proportionally but will remain a rural parish. The diversity of the many separate communities will have a greater sense of one community with a strong sense of identity. Efforts will be made to establish a vibrant village centre for the parish. The smaller surrounding hamlets and the countryside will</i></p>	<p>No targets or indicators of relevance.</p>	<p>The DPD must take into account the vision, objectives and policies contained within the Holmer and Shelwick Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultation Draft.</p>	<p>The SA Framework should include objectives relating to creating and maintaining a sustainable economy, improving health, access to services and facilities (including open space), provision of good quality affordable housing, efficient land use,</p>

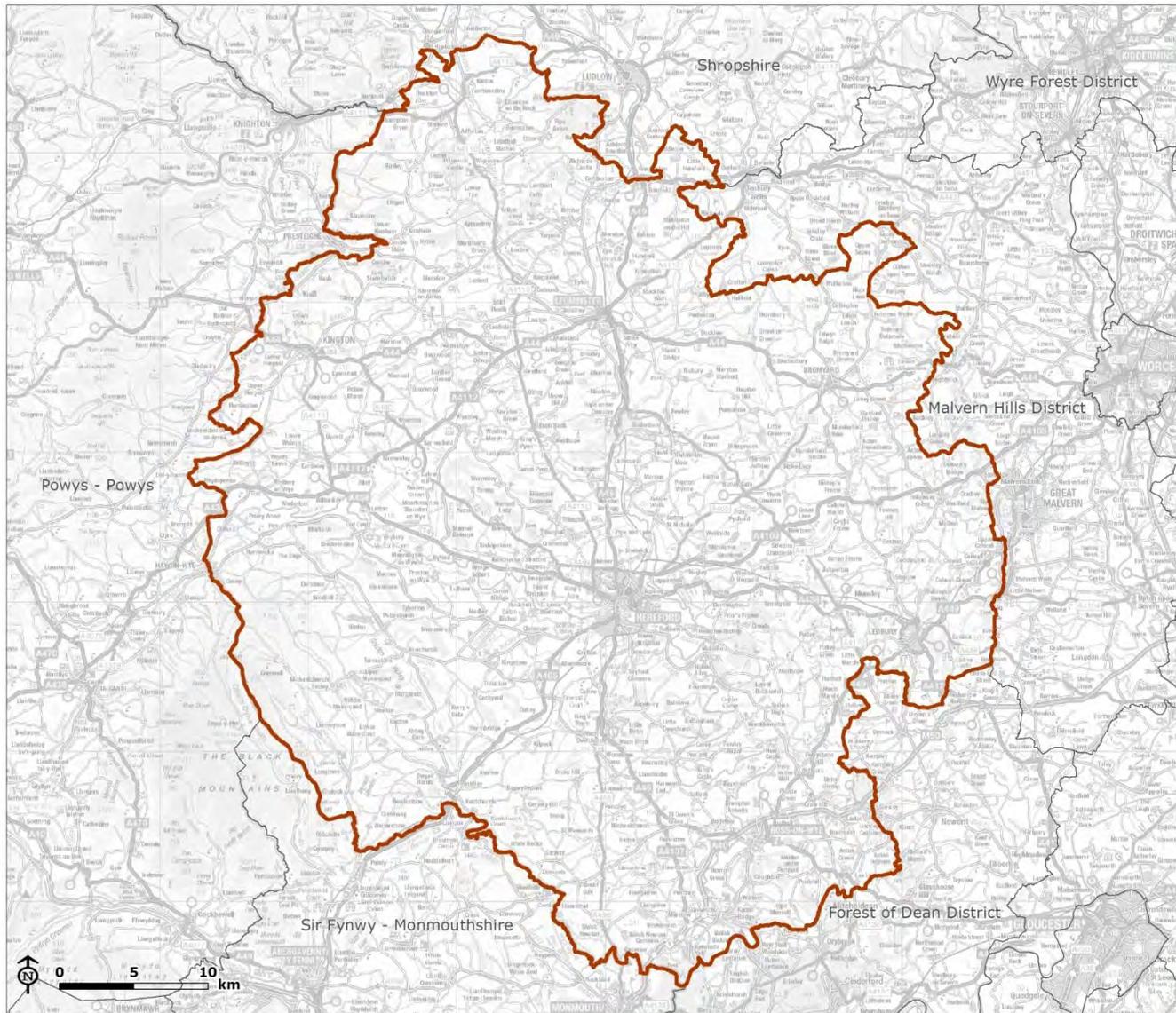
Plan, Programme or Environmental Protection Objective	Key objectives relevant to HAP DPD and SA	Key targets and indicators relevant to HAP DPD and SA	Implications for the HAP DPD	Implications for SA
	<p><i>have been protected from over-development. We will have a mix of open market and affordable housing, of high quality, sustainable homes satisfying all needs and age ranges. The nature and scale of housing development will be tempered so as maintain the rural appearance, feel and identity of the parish and protect the open countryside. A key part of the plan will be to identify employment land within the parish to promote a vibrant community. The plan aims to ensure the maintenance of the separate identity of the parish of Holmer & Shelwick from the Northern side of the City of Hereford. We will promote the retention of the single public house within the parish and look to identify a focal point for a village hall with the aim to make it a focal point of the parish activity centre".</i></p> <p>The Plan sets out 7 objectives to achieve the Vision, these being:</p> <p>Objective 1: To help meet local housing needs up to 2031.</p> <p>Objective 2: To conserve local heritage assets.</p> <p>Objective 3: To conserve the landscape and natural environment.</p> <p>Objective 4: To support appropriate growth in the local economy.</p> <p>Objective 5: To protect and enhance existing community facilities and provide new</p>			<p>preserving cultural heritage and the landscape and sustainable transport provision.</p>

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	<p>community facilities.</p> <p>Objective 6: To protect local green spaces.</p> <p>Objective 7: To ensure appropriate infrastructure is in place.</p> <p>The Plan includes Development Management policies to ensure that each of the objectives of the Plan are met.</p>			
<p>Shropshire Council (2011) <i>Shropshire Local Development Framework: Adopted Core Strategy 2006-2026</i></p>	<p>The Adopted Core Strategy 2006-2026 (2011) sets out Shropshire Council's vision, strategic objectives and the broad spatial strategy to guide future development and growth in Shropshire, until 2026. It aims to deliver more sustainable places at all levels and in both urban and rural settings. It places particular importance on ensuring that Shropshire's market towns and rural settlements become more sustainable and resilient.</p>	<p>The Core Strategy aims to deliver 27,500 new homes in the plan period and around 290ha employment land. Shropshire also has a Site Allocations and Management of Development Plan, adopted in 2015, which identifies specific sites for delivering development.</p>	<p>The DPD should take account of the development proposed in the neighbouring authorities as effects may travel across administrative boundaries.</p>	<p>The SA should consider likely cumulative effects that may arise from the implementation of the HAP DPD and the neighbouring Local Plans.</p>
<p>Powys Council (2018) <i>Powys Local Development Plan 2011-2026</i></p>	<p>The Powys Local Development Plan 2011-2026 sets out Powys County Council's vision, objectives, policies and proposals for the sustainable development and use of land in Powys, excluding the Brecon Beacons National Park, for the 15 year period 2011-2026</p>	<p>The LDP provides land to meet the housing requirement of 4,500 dwellings, including 952 affordable homes, over the plan period. The LDP also provides for 45ha employment land and includes policies to meet the needs of the local economy. The LDP also aims to support the character, distinctiveness and heritage of Powys.</p>	<p>The DPD should take account of the development proposed in the neighbouring authorities as effects may travel across administrative boundaries.</p>	<p>The SA should consider likely cumulative effects that may arise from the implementation of the HAP DPD and the neighbouring Local Plans.</p>

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<p>Monmouthshire Council (2014) <i>Monmouthshire Local Development Plan 2011-2021</i></p>	<p>The vision of the Monmouthshire Local Development Plan 2011-2021 (adopted 2014) is to make Monmouthshire a place where people live in inclusive, cohesive, prosperous and vibrant communities, the distinctive character of the natural and built environment is protected and enhanced and where people enjoy more sustainable, healthy lifestyles.</p>	<p>The LDP makes provision for development of 4,950 dwellings over the plan period. In addition, the LDP provides for 37ha new employment land at Magor and around 5-6ha new employment land at Abergavenny, Chepstow and Monmouth.</p>	<p>The DPD should take account of the development proposed in the neighbouring authorities as effects may travel across administrative boundaries.</p>	<p>The SA should consider likely cumulative effects that may arise from the implementation of the HAP DPD and the neighbouring Local Plans.</p>
<p>Forest of Dean District Council (2012) <i>Forest of Dean Adopted Core Strategy</i></p>	<p>The Forest of Dean Adopted Core Strategy 2012-2026 (2012) is the principal document in the Forest of Dean's Local Development Framework. The vision of the Core Strategy is to make the Forest of Dean a thriving, sustainable community with a high quality environment, a developing local economy, housing which meets the needs of residents and safer communities.</p>	<p>The Core Strategy aims to deliver 5,162 dwellings and approximately 85ha employment land by 2026. New housing and employment provision is to be focused in Lydney, Cinderford, Coleford and Newent.</p>	<p>The DPD should take account of the development proposed in the neighbouring authorities as effects may travel across administrative boundaries.</p>	<p>The SA should consider likely cumulative effects that may arise from the implementation of the HAP DPD and the neighbouring Local Plans.</p>
<p>Malvern Hills District Council, Worcester City Council and Wychavon District Council (2016) <i>South Worcestershire Development Plan</i></p>	<p>The South Worcestershire Development Plan (2016) sets the strategic planning policies for the administrative areas of Malvern Hills District Council, Wychavon District Council and Worcester City Council (South Worcestershire Councils), from 2006 to 2030. Objectives of the plan relate to economic success shared by all, stronger, safer communities, a better environment and improving health and wellbeing.</p>	<p>The Development Plan provides for about 28,400 dwellings and about 280ha employment land over the plan period.</p>	<p>The DPD should take account of the development proposed in the neighbouring authorities as effects may travel across administrative boundaries.</p>	<p>The SA should consider likely cumulative effects that may arise from the implementation of the HAP DPD and the neighbouring Local Plans.</p>

Appendix 2

Maps



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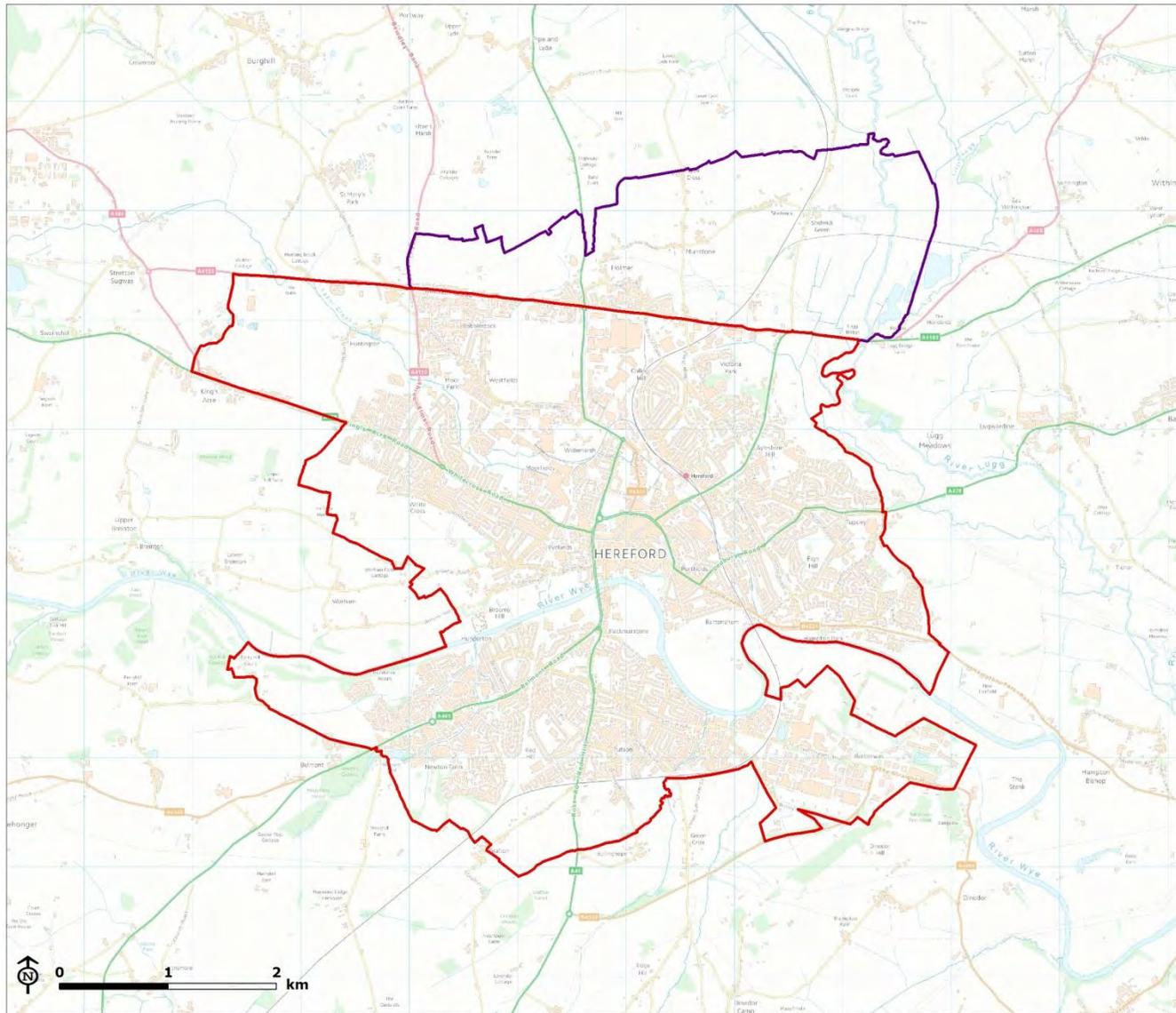
Hereford Sustainability Appraisal

Location

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- Surrounding local authority boundaries

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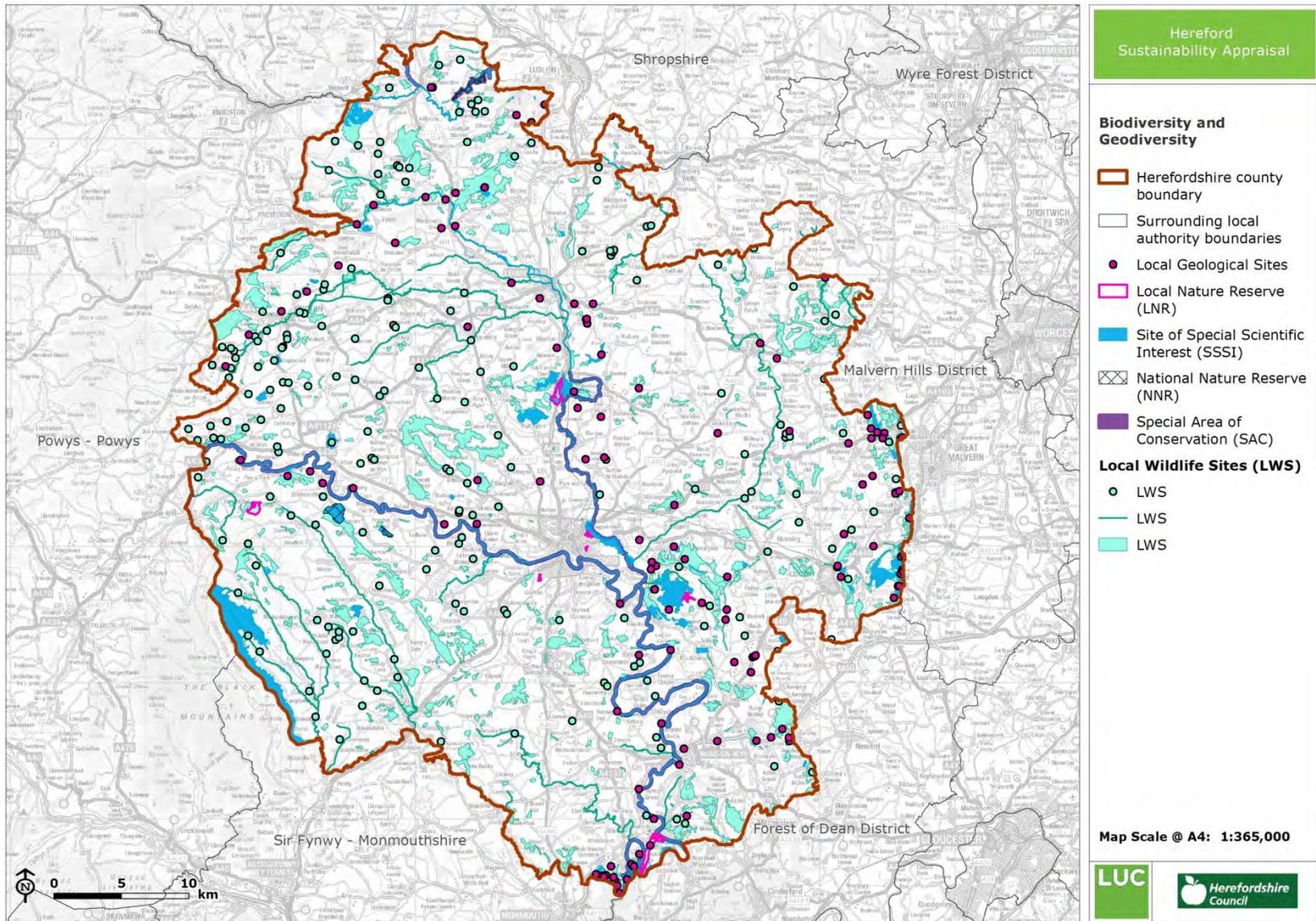
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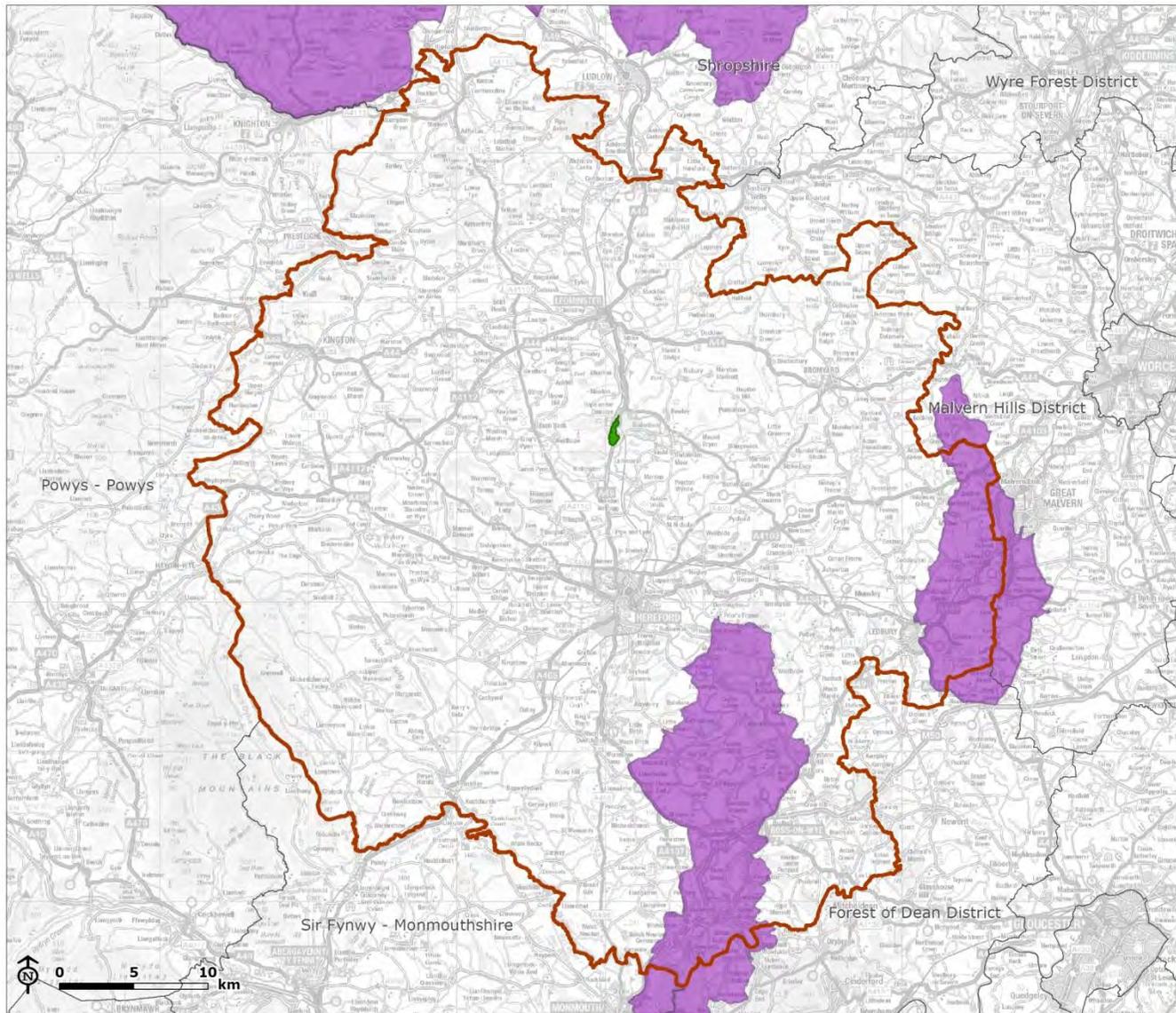
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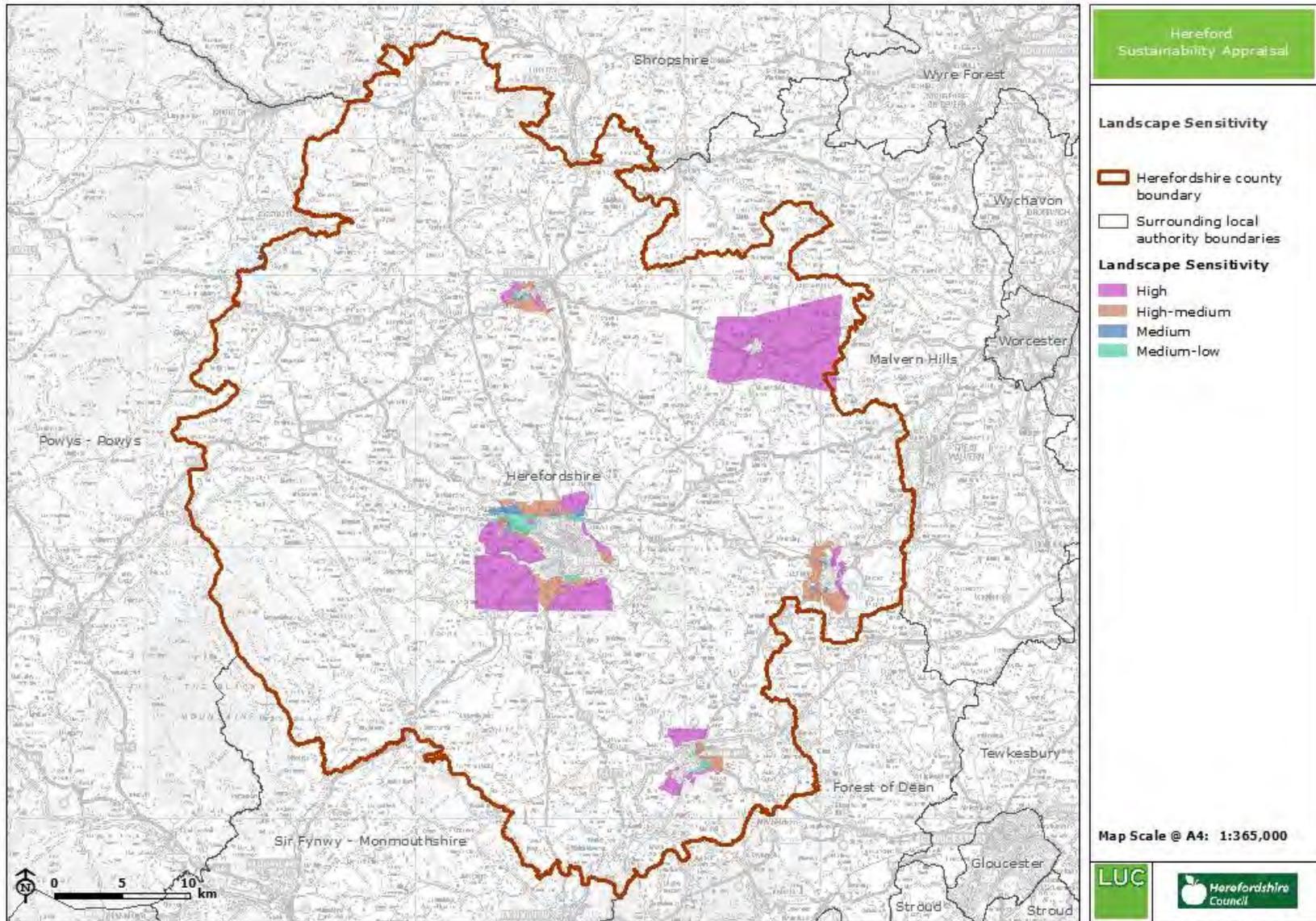
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-  Surrounding local authority boundaries
-  Country parks
-  Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

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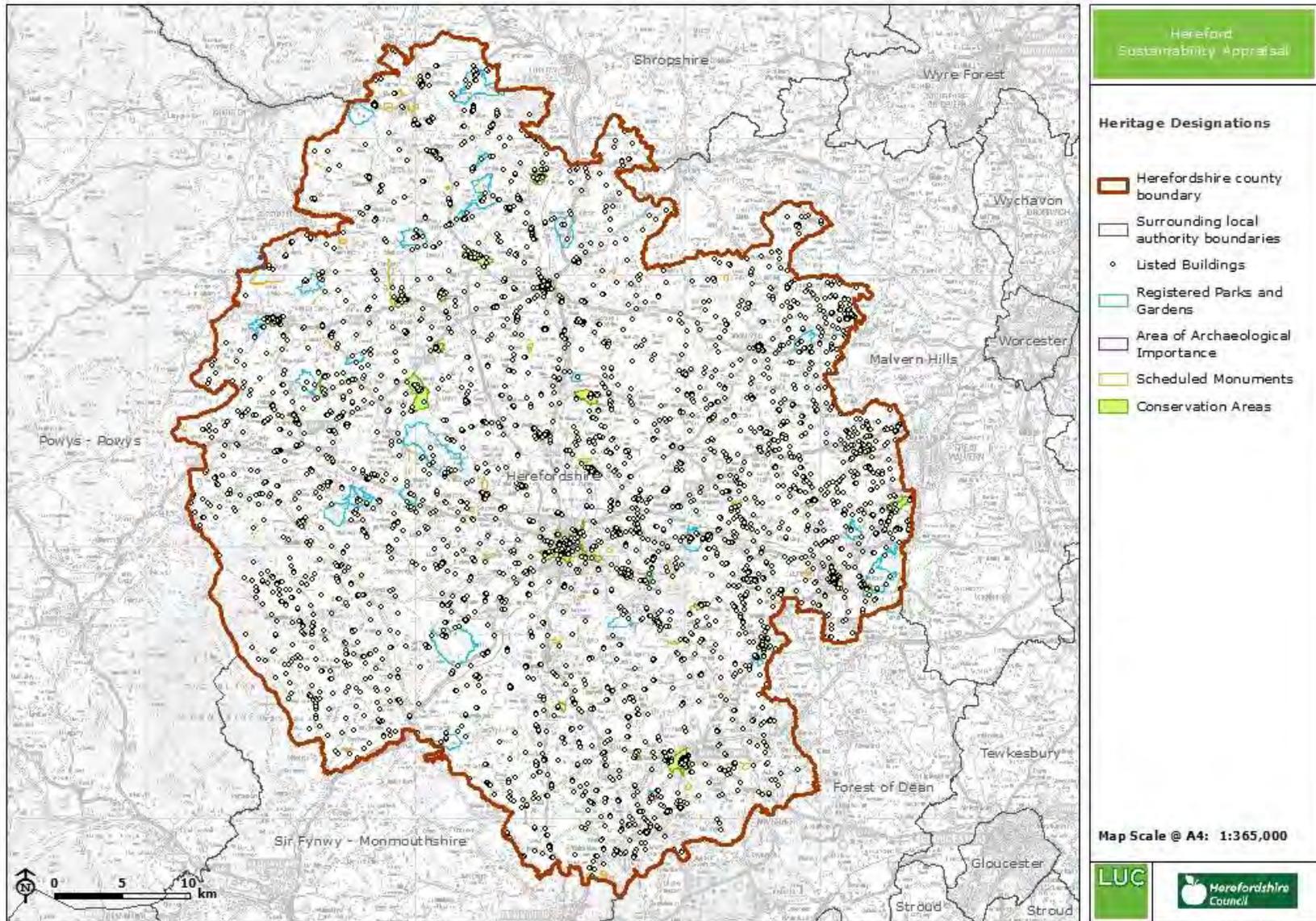
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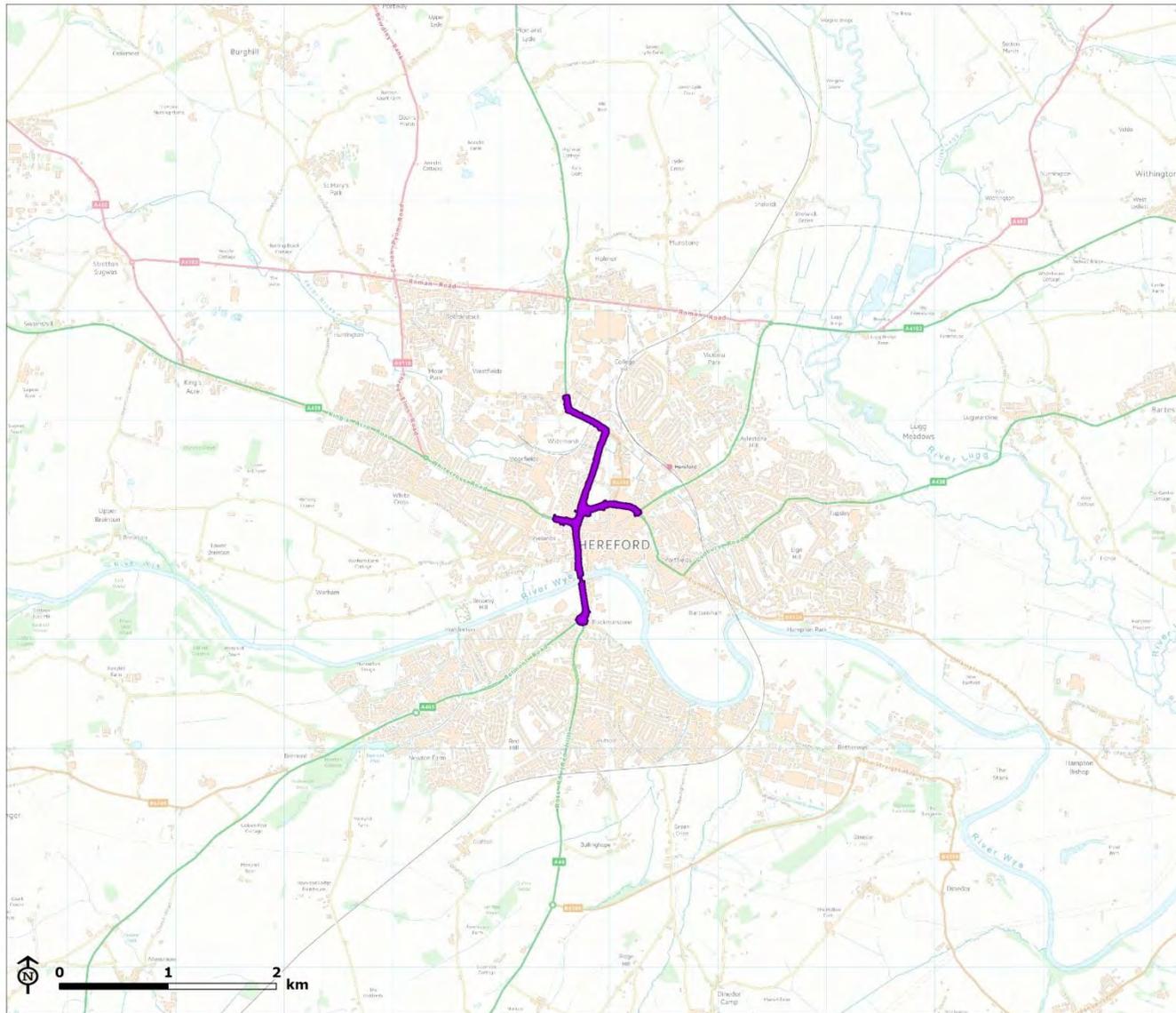
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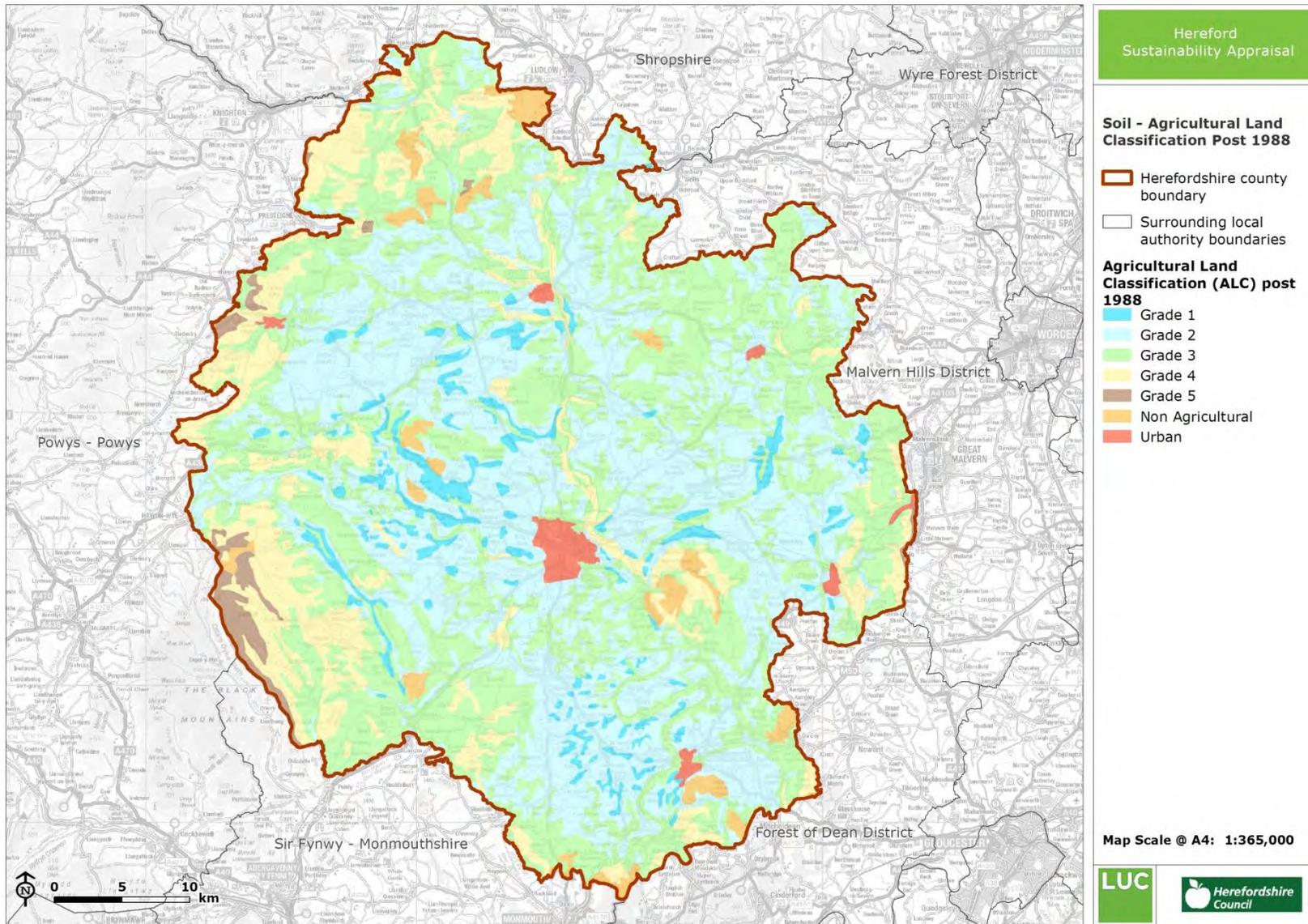
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-  Air quality management area



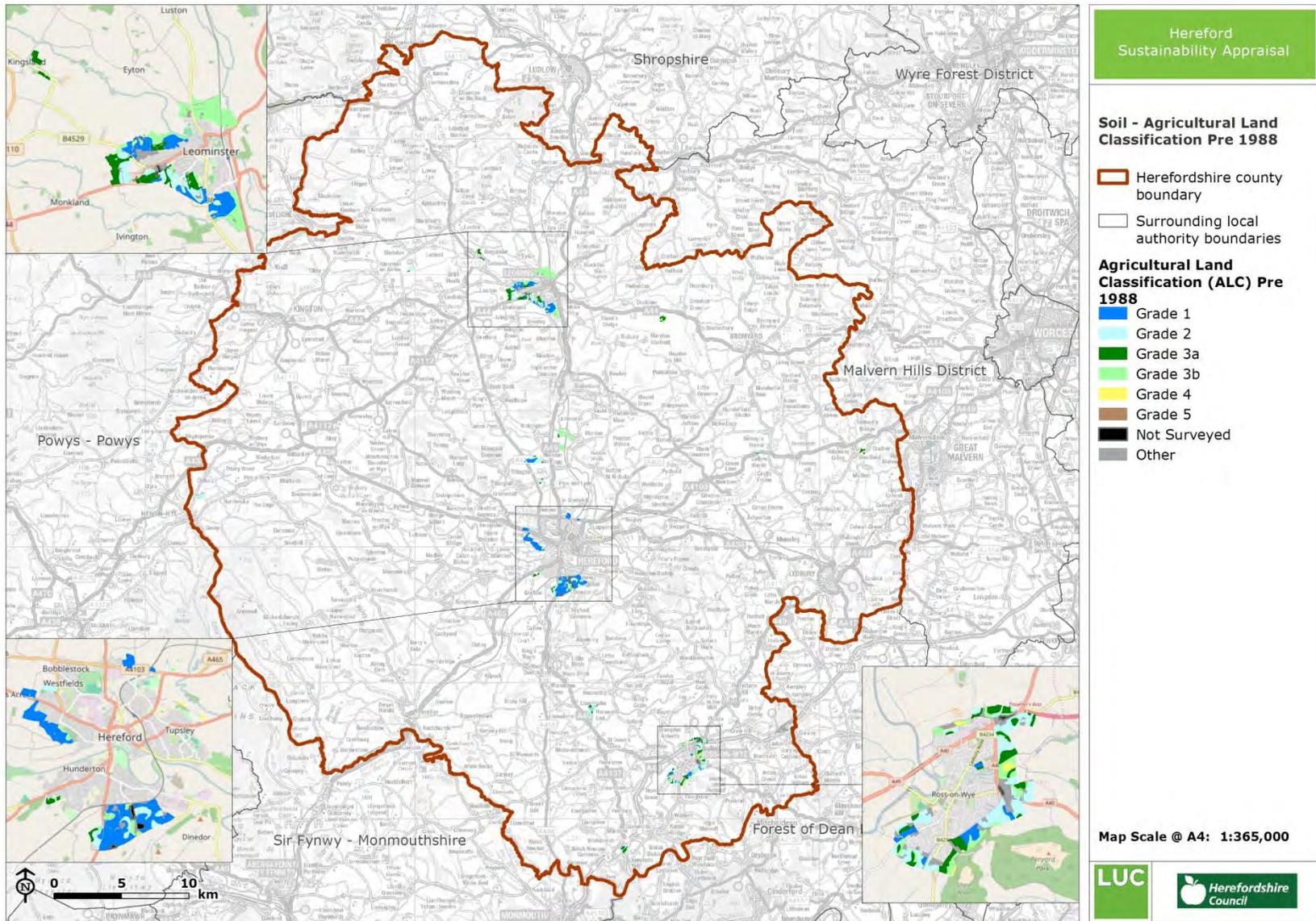
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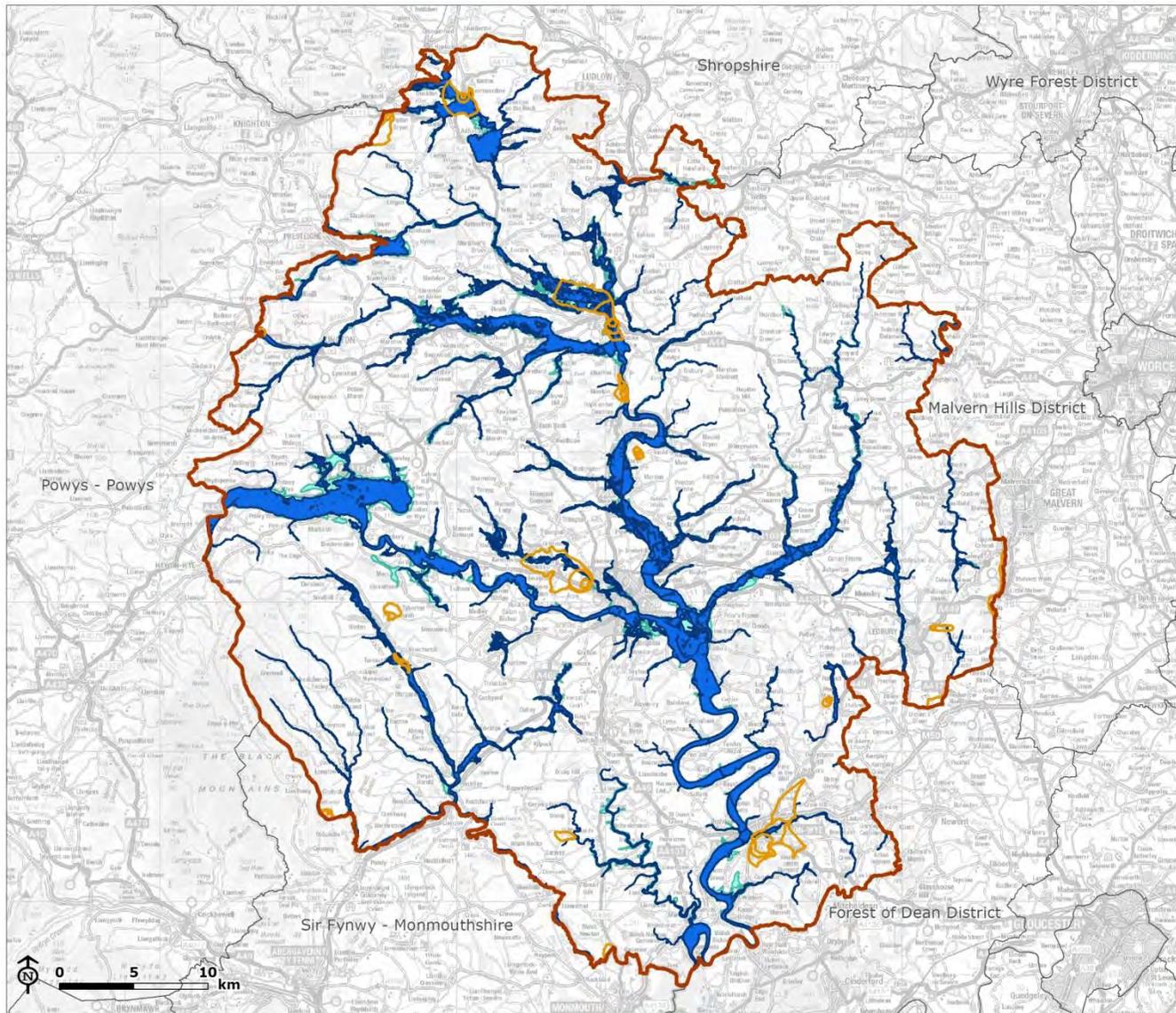
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Hydrology

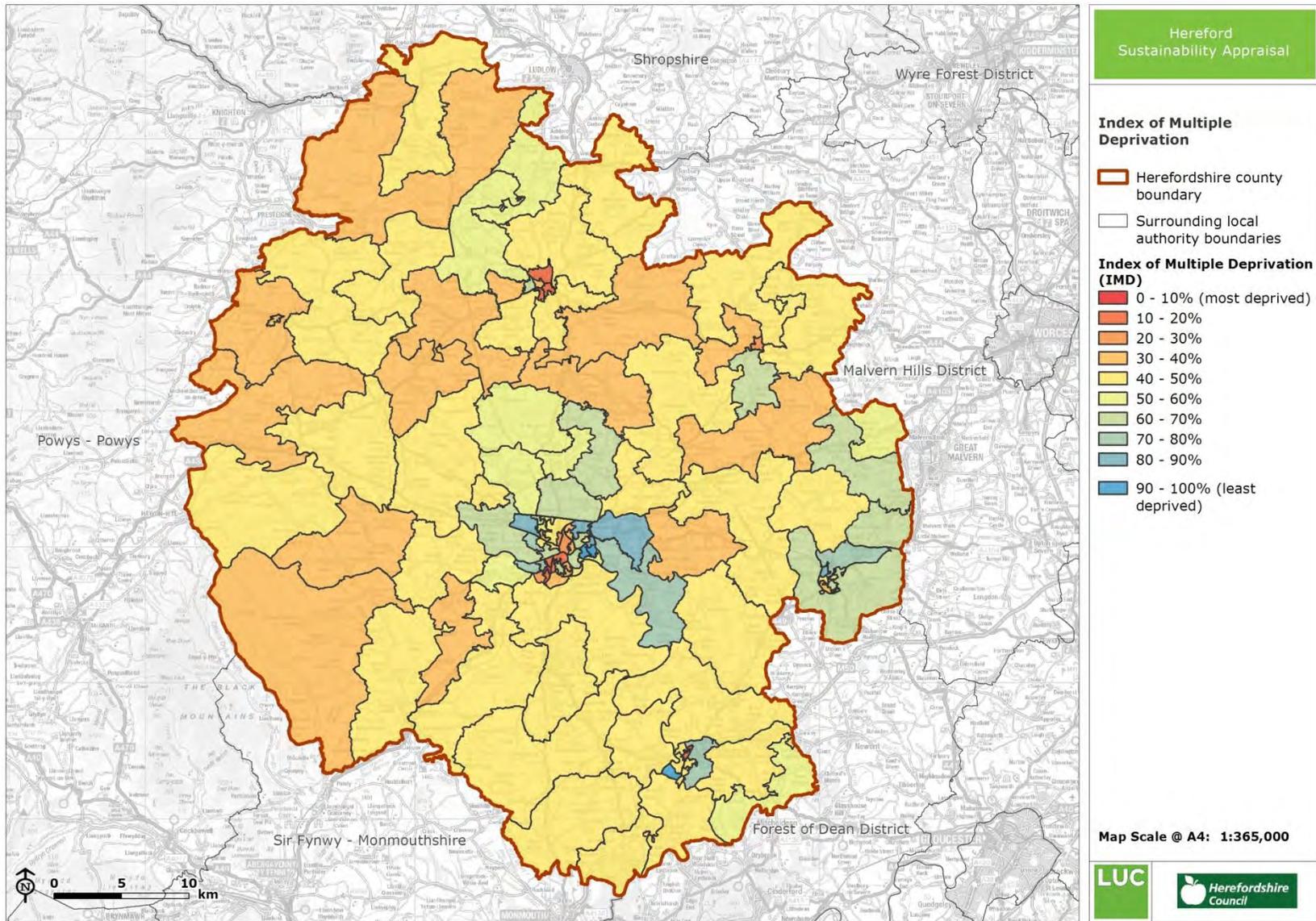
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-  Source protection zones
-  Flood zone 3
-  Flood zone 2

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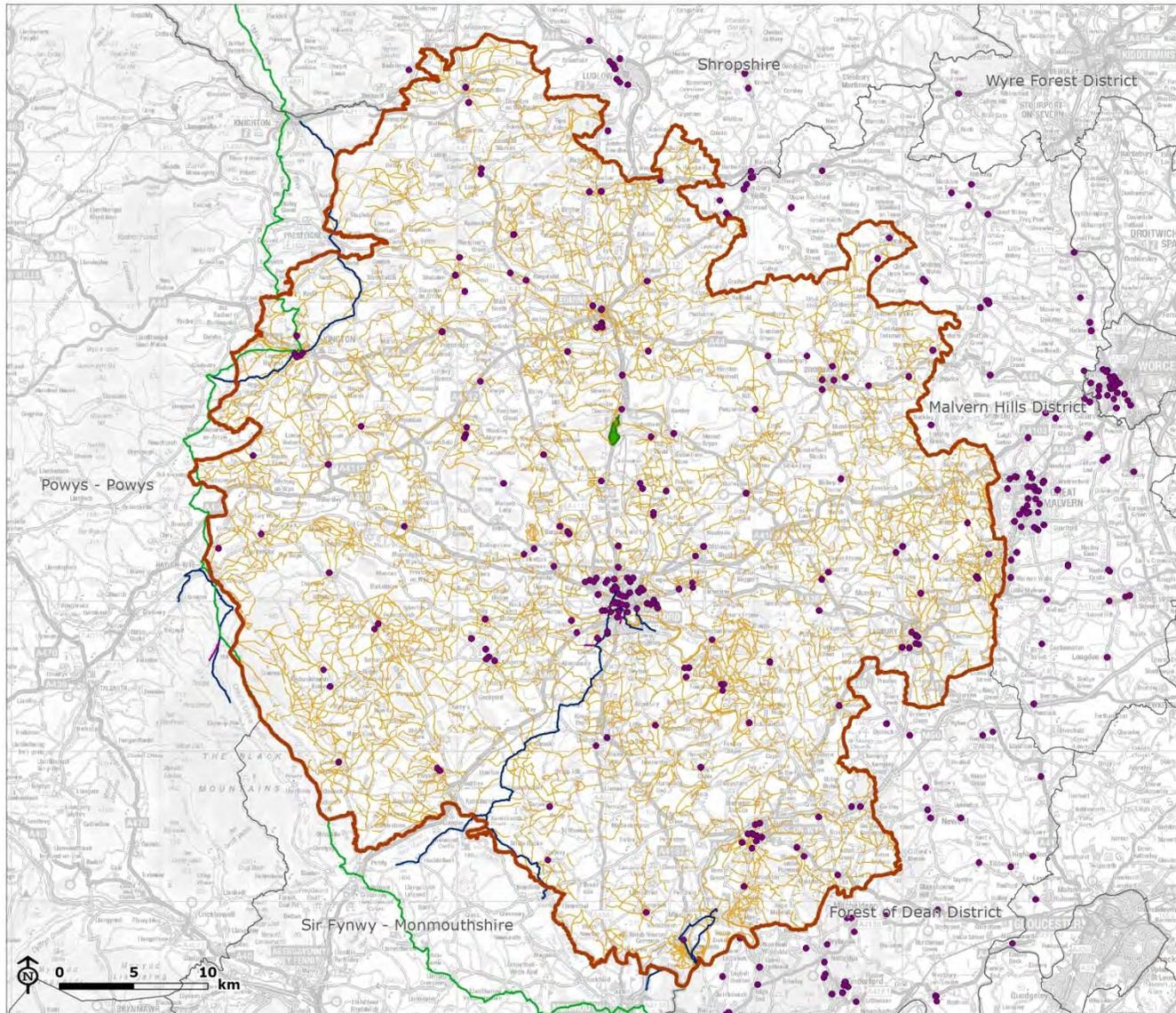
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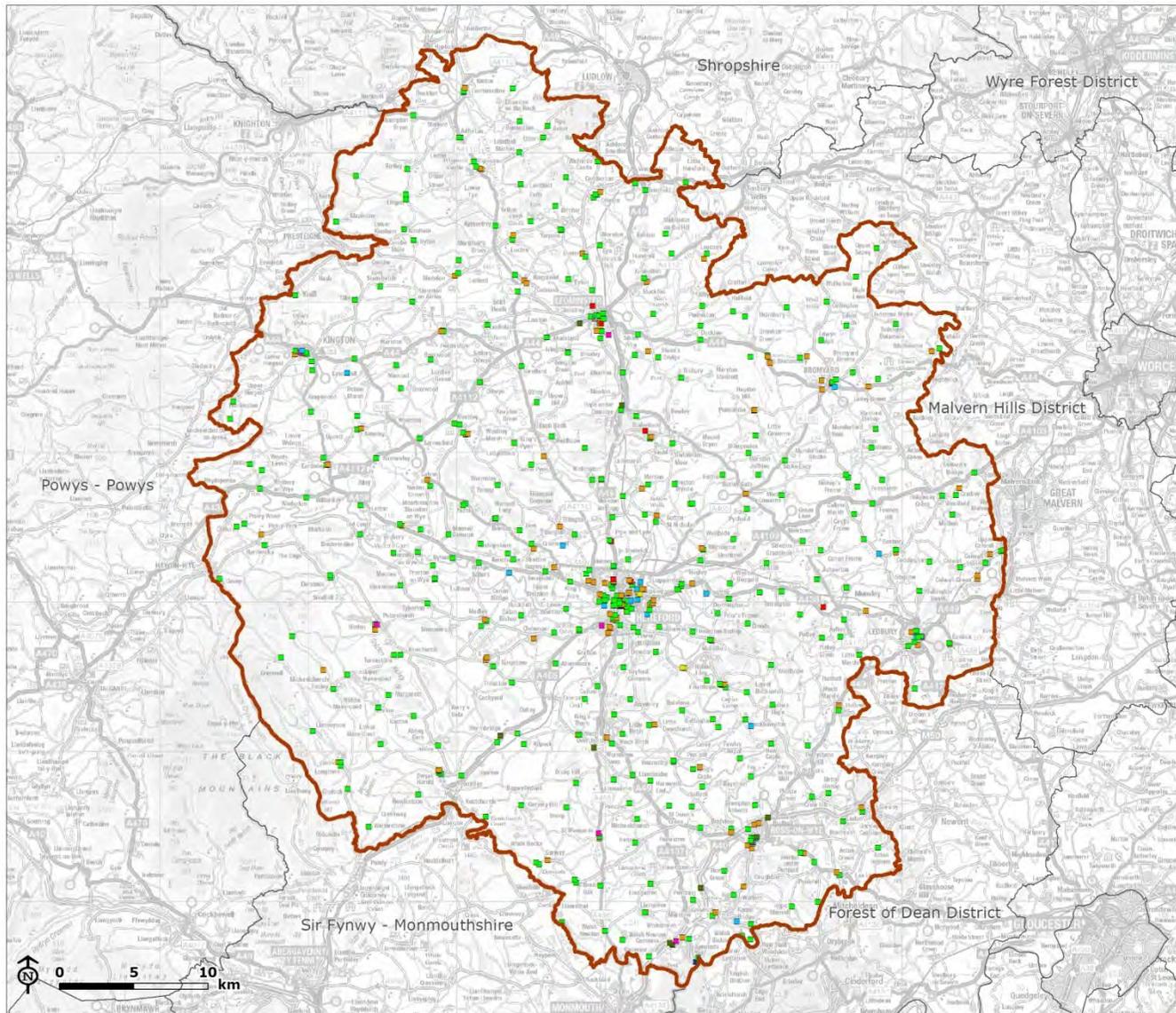
- Herefordshire county boundary
- Surrounding local authority boundaries
- Sports facilities
- National trails
- National cycle network
- Public rights of way
- Country parks

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Services

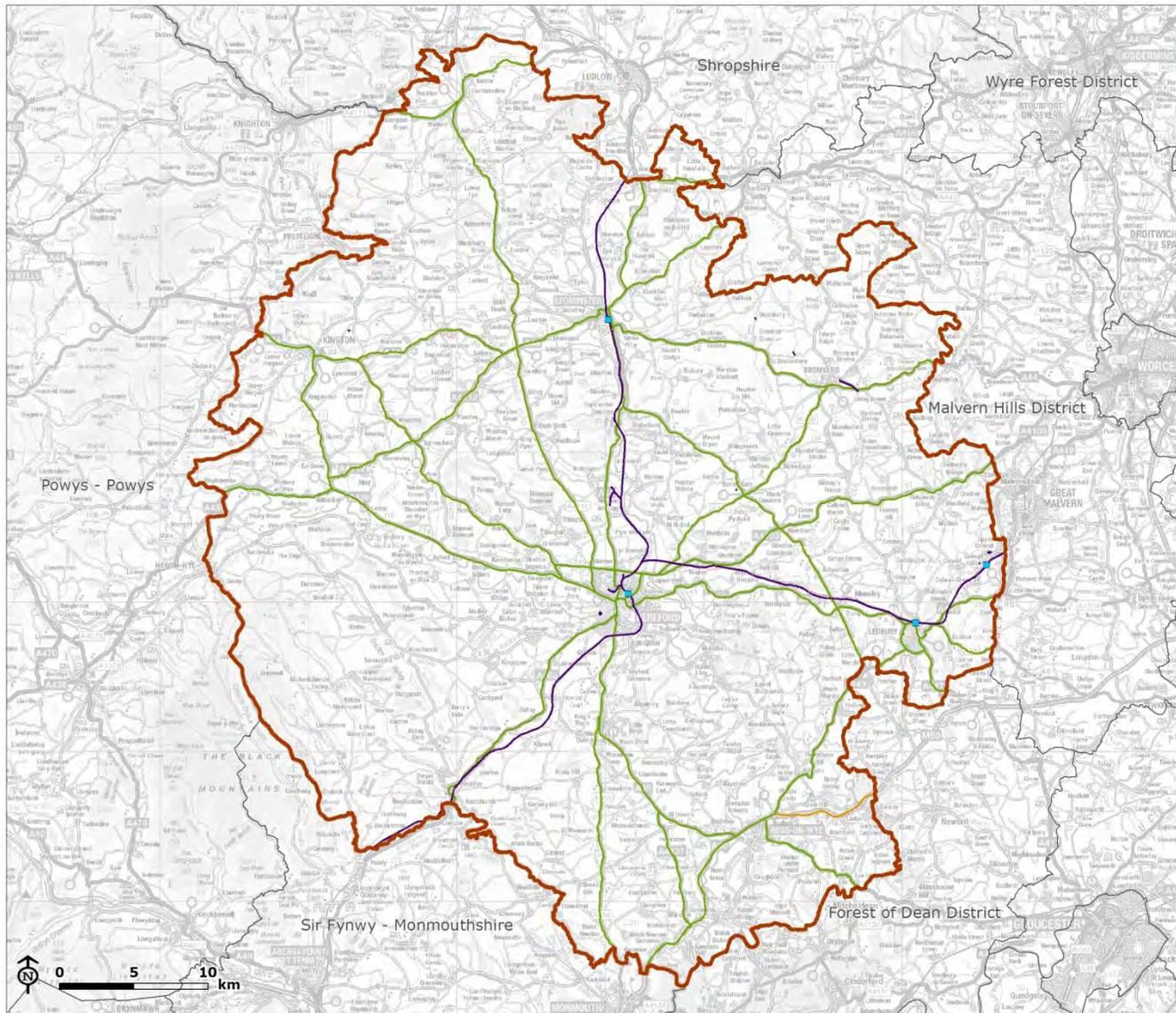
- Herefordshire county boundary
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- GP surgeries
- Education Facility- Higher
- Education Facility- School
- Leisure Or Sports Centre
- Medical Care
- Place Of Worship
- Police Station
- Road Services
- Road Transport
- Water Transport

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Transport Links

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- Surrounding local authority boundaries
- Train stations
- Railways
- A road
- Motorway

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Appendix 3

Assumptions applied during the appraisal of residential and employment site options

Site assessment criteria	Significant positive effect (++)	Uncertain significant positive effect (++?)	Minor positive effect (+)	Uncertain minor positive effect (+?)	Negligible effect (0)	Uncertain negligible effect (0?)	Uncertain minor negative effect (-?)	Minor negative effect (-)	Uncertain significant negative effect (--?)	Significant negative effect (--)
Education and Employment										
SA Objective 1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce										
<p>The location of sites will not increase median weekly earnings or increase current employment rates in knowledge and technology intensive sectors.</p> <p>All housing site options will have a minor positive effect as they are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County which also benefits from good sustainable transport links enabling people to access job opportunities further away from the site.</p> <p>The development of employment sites is likely to have a positive impact on this objective by enhancing the provision of employment opportunities in the county. The extent of the positive impact will be affected by the size of the employment site as larger sites are likely to offer greater potential to accommodate a variety of businesses, which is likely to help increase diversity of job opportunities.</p> <p>Based on the range of sizes of the potential sites for employment development being considered by Herefordshire Council, larger sites are assumed to be those that are more than 5ha in size.</p>										
HOUSING SITE OPTIONS Local or easily accessible employment opportunities	N/A	N/A	All housing site options	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
EMPLOYMENT SITE OPTIONS Allocation size	Site options which are large (>5ha)	N/A	Site options which are small (<5ha)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SA Objective 2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment										
<p>While the population growth associated with new residential sites could have an effect on the local economy by increasing the number of economically active people in the county who are seeking employment, this could be either positive or negative depending on the provision of jobs, which will not be determined by the location of new housing developments. Therefore, the effects of all residential sites on this SA objective will be negligible.</p> <p>The development of employment land will have a direct positive effect on this SA objective as it supports the provision of appropriate sites for new business opportunities. Larger sites offer greater potential to accommodate a variety of businesses which is likely to help improve the resilience of the economy and diversity of business. Furthermore, new employment development should result in improved opportunities for work-based training and skills development. The extent of the positive impact will be affected by the size of the employment site as larger sites are likely to offer particularly good opportunities for higher numbers of people to obtain new skills and training opportunities.</p>										
HOUSING SITE OPTIONS Resilience of the local economy	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	The location of residential sites will not influence the resilience of the economy	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
EMPLOYMENT SITE OPTIONS Allocation size	Site options which are large (>5ha)	N/A	Site options which are small (<5ha)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SA Objective 3: Sustainable regeneration										
<p>The location of residential and employment sites will not influence the range of retailers within Hereford or the number of vacant properties. These factors would be influenced more by policies in the Hereford Area Plan, which have been appraised separately. Therefore, the effects of all Site options on this SA objective will be negligible.</p>										
ALL SITE OPTIONS Sustainable regeneration	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sustainable regeneration will not be influenced by the location of development sites	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SA Objective 4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county										
<p>The impacts of residential development on this SA objective will depend on the availability of education and training opportunities to serve the population. Impacts will depend on the proximity of residential sites to existing education facilities, although there are uncertainties as the impacts will depend on there being capacity at those education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.</p> <p>The impact of new employment development on this SA objective is likely to be positive as it should result in improved opportunities for work-based training and skills development. The extent of the positive impact will be affected by the size of the employment site as larger sites are likely to offer particularly good opportunities for higher numbers of people to obtain new skills and training opportunities.</p>										
HOUSING SITE OPTIONS Distance to educational facilities	N/A	Site options within 1km (<=1km) from a secondary school AND within 500m (<=500m) from at least one	N/A	Site options within 1km (<=1km) from at least one secondary school	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options further than 1km (>=1km) from a secondary school AND further than 500m (>=500m) from at	N/A

Site assessment criteria	Significant positive effect (++)	Uncertain significant positive effect (++?)	Minor positive effect (+)	Uncertain minor positive effect (+?)	Negligible effect (0)	Uncertain negligible effect (0?)	Uncertain minor negative effect (-?)	Minor negative effect (-)	Uncertain significant negative effect (--?)	Significant negative effect (--)
		primary school		OR Site options within 500m (<=500m) from at least one primary school OR Site options within 1km (<=1km) from a college					least one primary school	
EMPLOYMENT SITE OPTIONS Site option size	Site options which are large (>5ha)	N/A	Site options which are small (<5ha)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Healthy and Prosperous Communities										
SA Objective 5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all										
Residential developments that are within walking distance (800m) of healthcare facilities (i.e. GP surgeries or hospitals), sports and recreation facilities/open spaces, public rights of way (PROWs) and cycle routes will ensure that residents have good access to healthcare facilities and may encourage more journeys on foot or by bicycle and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.										
Employment developments that are within walking distance of existing sports and recreation facilities/open spaces, PROWs and cycle routes will ensure that employees have good access to walking and cycle links which may encourage them to commute on foot or by bicycle and to be active in sports facilities or on open space during breaks from work, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.										
It is assumed that any existing healthcare facility or area of open space/sports and recreation facility within a site would be lost to development with negative effects on this SA objective. However, it is also possible that the design of new developments may allow for the incorporation of open space. It is assumed that any existing PROW or cycle path crossing a site would be retained, diverting its route if necessary, in line with national legislation.										
If there are any sites with particular access issues due to the topography of the site or the presence of barriers such as main roads, this has been taken into account in the appraisal. Therefore, in some cases sites that are within 800m of healthcare facilities, areas of open space, sports facilities, PROWs and/or cycle routes have been scored as having a minor negative effect (-).										
HOUSING SITE OPTIONS Distance to nearest NHS GP surgery or hospital Distance to nearest sport and recreation facility/open space, PROW and cycle path	Site options within 800m (<=800m) of a healthcare facility, area of open space/sports and recreation facility AND at least one PROW/ cycle path	N/A	Site options within 800m (<=800m) of a healthcare facility, area of open space/sports and recreation facility OR at least one PROW/ cycle path	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options that contain an existing healthcare facility, area of open space/sports and recreation facility	Site options further than 800m (>=800m) from a healthcare facility, area of open space/sports and recreation facility, PROW or cycle path OR Site options within 800m (<=800m) of a healthcare facility, area of open space/sports and recreation facility, PROW or cycle path but there are access issues due to topography or barriers such as main roads	N/A	N/A
EMPLOYMENT SITE OPTIONS Distance to nearest sport and recreation facility/open space, PROW and cycle path	Site options within 800m (<=800m) of an area of open space/sports and recreation facility AND at least one PROW/ cycle path	N/A	Site options within 800m (<=800m) of an area of open space/sports and recreation facility OR at least one PROW/ cycle path	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options that contain an existing area of open space/sports and recreation facility	Site options further than 800m (>=800m) from an area of open space/sports and recreation facility, PROW or cycle path OR Site options within 800m (<=800m) of an area of open space/sports and	N/A	N/A

Site assessment criteria	Significant positive effect (++)	Uncertain significant positive effect (++?)	Minor positive effect (+)	Uncertain minor positive effect (+?)	Negligible effect (0)	Uncertain negligible effect (0?)	Uncertain minor negative effect (-?)	Minor negative effect (-)	Uncertain significant negative effect (--?)	Significant negative effect (--)
								recreation facility, PRoW or cycle path but there are access issues due to topography or barriers such as main roads		
SA Objective 6: Improve public realm										
The location of residential and employment sites will not influence the development of high quality public realm or safe community/amenity space. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design of the development which will not be known until planning applications come forward. Therefore, the effects of all Site options on this SA objective will be negligible.										
ALL SITE OPTIONS Improving public realm	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	The development of high quality public realm or safe community/amenity space will not be influenced by the location of development sites	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SA Objective 7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county										
The effects of new developments on levels of crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within developments which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the location of development sites (rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for each site).										
ALL SITE OPTIONS Reducing and preventing crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Levels of crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour will not be influenced by the location of development sites	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SA Objective 8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county										
The location of residential developments will affect social deprivation and economic inclusion by influencing how easily people are able to access job opportunities, services and facilities. Therefore, residential sites within walking distance of sustainable transport links will enable residents (particularly those without cars) to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. Residential sites within one of the 20% most deprived areas under the 'Barriers to Housing and Services' domain in the English Indices of Deprivation will provide access to housing in the most deprived areas of the county. Similarly, employment sites within one of the 20% most deprived areas (according to the 'Employment Deprivation' domain in the English Indices of Deprivation) will provide employment opportunities in the most deprived areas of Herefordshire.										
HOUSING SITE OPTIONS Proximity to sustainable transport links	Site options within 800m (<=800m) of three or more sustainable transport links (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)	N/A	Site options within 800m (<=800m) of two sustainable transport links (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options within 800m (<=800m) of one sustainable transport link (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)	N/A	Site options further than 800m (>=800m) from any sustainable transport link (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)
HOUSING SITE OPTIONS 'Barriers to Housing and Services' domain of the Index of Multiple Deprivation	Site options within one of the 20% most deprived areas ('Barriers to Housing and Services' domain of English Indices of Deprivation)	N/A	N/A	N/A	All other site options	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
EMPLOYMENT SITE OPTIONS 'Employment Deprivation' domain of the Index of Multiple Deprivation	Site options within one of the 20% most deprived areas ('Employment Deprivation' domain of English Indices of Deprivation)	N/A	N/A	N/A	All other site options	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transport and Access										
SA Objective 9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking										

Site assessment criteria	Significant positive effect (++)	Uncertain significant positive effect (++?)	Minor positive effect (+)	Uncertain minor positive effect (+?)	Negligible effect (0)	Uncertain negligible effect (0?)	Uncertain minor negative effect (-?)	Minor negative effect (-)	Uncertain significant negative effect (--?)	Significant negative effect (--)
The proximity of housing sites to public transport links will affect the extent to which residents are able to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. Where employment sites are located within walking distance to sustainable transport links there are more likely to be good opportunities for people to commute to and from the site using non-car based modes of transport. It is possible that new transport links such as bus routes or cycle paths may be provided as part of larger-scale housing or employment developments but this cannot be assumed.										
ALL SITE OPTIONS Proximity to sustainable transport links	Site options within 800m (<=800m) of three or more sustainable transport links (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)	N/A	Site options within 800m (<=800m) of two sustainable transport links (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options within 800m (<=800m) of one sustainable transport link (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)	N/A	Site options further than 800m (>=800m) from any sustainable transport link (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)
SA Objective 10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all										
The location of sites will not influence the promotion of Herefordshire's facilities to local people/tourists or the use of inland waterways.										
Housing and employment sites that are within walking distance (800m) of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents and employees (particularly those without a car) will be more easily able to access those facilities. Good public transport links will also be beneficial as they will enable residents and employees to reach services and facilities that are further away without having to rely on the use of private cars.										
Cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities include schools, GP surgeries/hospitals, museums/galleries, libraries, village halls, cycle routes, and sports and recreation facilities/open spaces.										
ALL SITE OPTIONS Distance to: Schools, colleges/universities, GP surgeries/hospitals, museums/galleries, libraries, village halls, sports and recreation facilities/open spaces Proximity to sustainable transport links	Site options within 800m (<=800m) of three or more community services/facilities AND three or more sustainable transport links (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)	N/A	Site options within 800m (<=800m) of two or more community services/facilities OR two or more sustainable transport links (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options further than 800m (>=800m) from any community service/facility OR further than 800m (>=800m) from any sustainable transport link (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)	N/A	Site options further than 800m (>=800m) from any community service/facility AND further than 800m (>=800m) from any sustainable transport link (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)
SA Objective 11: Improve access to services and facilities										
It has been assumed that new development, regardless of its type, would support viability or develop services and facilities appropriate to the community, either through investment in existing facilities or the development of new services and facilities. Larger sites will provide opportunities for developing more community services and facilities, and therefore are assumed to have a significant positive effect.										
Based on the range of sizes of the potential sites for residential and employment development being considered by Herefordshire Council, smaller sites are assumed to be those less than 5 hectares while larger sites are assumed to be those greater than 5 hectares in size.										
ALL SITE OPTIONS Site option size	Site options which are large (>5ha)	N/A	Site options which are small (<5ha)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Built Environment										
SA Objective 12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments										
All of the potential residential sites are expected to have positive effects on this objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). Larger sites will provide opportunities for developing greater numbers of new and affordable homes, and therefore are assumed to have a significant positive effect. The Herefordshire Core Strategy requires sites of more than 10 dwellings which have a maximum combined gross floor space of more than 100m ² will be expected to contribute towards meeting affordable housing needs.										
Based on the range of sizes of the potential sites for residential development being considered by Herefordshire Council, smaller sites are assumed to be those less than 5 hectares while larger sites are assumed to be those greater than 5 hectares.										
The location of sites will not have an effect on energy and resource efficiency of homes, the use of sustainable design techniques, the use of sustainable materials in construction or the sense of place of an area. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, including the incorporation of green infrastructure and amenity space in developments, which will not be known until planning applications come forward.										
HOUSING SITE OPTIONS Site option size	Site options which are large (>5ha)	N/A	Site options which are small (<5ha)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
EMPLOYMENT SITE OPTIONS Provision of good quality, affordable housing	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	The provision of good quality, affordable housing will not be influenced by the location of employment sites	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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SA Objective 13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use										
The location of sites will not influence the promotion of locally sourced goods and materials or an appropriate density and mix of uses. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction materials used in the development which will not be known until planning applications come forward.										
The location of development can influence the efficient use of land. Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. Effects are uncertain depending on the design of the development and the previous use of the site.										
Sites which are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport are expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use.										
ALL SITE OPTIONS Greenfield or brownfield land	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options of any size entirely or mainly (>50%) on brownfield land	N/A	N/A	Site options which are small (<5ha) and are entirely or mainly (>50%) on greenfield land	N/A	Site options which are large (>5ha) and are entirely or mainly (>50%) on greenfield land	N/A
ALL SITE OPTIONS Proximity to sustainable transport links	Site options within 800m (<=800m) of three or more sustainable transport links (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)	N/A	Site options within 800m (<=800m) of two sustainable transport links (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options within 800m (<=800m) of one sustainable transport link (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)	N/A	Site options further than 800m (>=800m) from any sustainable transport link (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)
SA Objective 14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage										
Historic England defines a heritage asset as "a building, monument, site, place, area or landscape identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions, because of its heritage interest. Heritage asset includes designated heritage assets and assets identified by the local planning authority (including local listing)". In the absence of detailed site assessment work to draw from, as an indication of potential effects on heritage assets from development of any of the potential sites for residential or employment use, the following assumptions will be used to give an indication of potential effects. All effects are uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage. Where sites are likely to experience a combination of uncertain minor negative and uncertain significant negative effects, the overall score will be presented as an uncertain significant negative effect.										
ALL SITE OPTIONS Hereford Area of Archaeological Importance	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options adjacent to the Hereford Area of Archaeological Importance	N/A	Site options within the Hereford Area of Archaeological Importance	N/A
ALL SITE OPTIONS Conservation Areas	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options on brownfield land or that contain low quality buildings or are within a gap OR Site options adjacent to or have intervisibility with a Conservation Area on brownfield land or contain low quality buildings or are within a gap	N/A	N/A	Site options adjacent to a Conservation Area that contain existing historic buildings or that contain good quality open space	N/A	Site options within a Conservation Area that contain extant historic buildings OR Site options within a Conservation Area that contain an area of open space	N/A
ALL SITE OPTIONS Scheduled Monuments	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options that are adjacent to a Scheduled Monument of buried archaeology as the setting is potentially less important to its significance	N/A	Site options that intersect a Scheduled Monument as any changes are prima facie unacceptable OR Site options that are adjacent to a Scheduled Monument of upstanding remains as the setting is important to its significance	N/A
ALL SITE OPTIONS Registered Historic Park	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options adjacent to a Registered Historic Park and	N/A	Site options within a Registered Historic	N/A

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and Gardens							Garden		Park and Garden	
ALL SITE OPTIONS Listed Buildings	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options that contain a Listed Building (mixed effect as the building may be re-used sustainably) (+?/--?)	N/A	N/A	Site options adjacent to a large Listed Building (e.g. church with tower)	N/A	Site options that contain a Listed Building (mixed effect as the building may be re-used sustainably) (+?/--?)	N/A
ALL SITE OPTIONS Non-designated assets	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options adjacent to buried archaeological assets	N/A	Site options that contain existing historic buildings or contain buried archaeological assets (not visible) OR Site options adjacent to historic buildings	N/A	N/A	N/A
SA Objective 15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods										
<p>The effects of new developments on this SA objective will depend largely on the design of the development, the materials used in construction, and the incorporation of green spaces, rather than its location. It is assumed that all new development will be built to high standards of design and construction. Furthermore, policy LD1: <i>Landscape and townscape</i> in the Core Strategy specifically addresses this issue.</p> <p>Where sites are on brownfield land there may be particularly good opportunities for improving the appearance of the built environment by replacing older and possibly derelict buildings with high quality new development. However, this is uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance of the development in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> <p>The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. However, effects are uncertain depending on the design of the development and the contribution the land makes to the local distinctiveness and setting of an area.</p>										
ALL SITE OPTIONS Greenfield or brownfield land	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options of any size entirely or mainly (>50%) on brownfield land	N/A	N/A	Site options which are small (<5ha) and are entirely or mainly (>50%) on greenfield land	N/A	Site options which are large (>5ha) and are entirely or mainly (>50%) on greenfield land	N/A
Resource Consumption and Climate Change										
SA Objective 16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling										
<p>All new development will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are large in size and can therefore accommodate a higher number of households/employees. However, new developments may offer opportunities for incorporating sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. Levels of recycling will not be influenced by the location of site options (Herefordshire Council operate a kerbside recycling scheme).</p> <p>Based on the range of sizes of the potential sites for residential and employment development being considered by Herefordshire Council, smaller sites are assumed to be those less than 5 hectares while larger sites are assumed to be those greater than 5 hectares in size.</p>										
ALL SITE OPTIONS Site option size	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options which are small (<5ha)	N/A	Site options which are large (>5ha)	N/A
SA Objective 17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently										
<p>New development is likely to increase consumption of natural resources through construction and by increasing the population, in most cases the location of potential residential and employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective, with effects depending more on the energy efficiency of buildings and the use of good design and construction techniques. However, development within a Mineral Safeguarding Area (as identified in the saved policies in the Unitary Development Plan 2007) may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the county. Furthermore, the location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. Effects are uncertain depending on the design of the development and the previous use of the site.</p>										
ALL SITE OPTIONS Greenfield or brownfield land	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options of any size entirely or mainly (>50%) on brownfield land	N/A	N/A	Site options which are small (<5ha) and are entirely or mainly (>50%) on greenfield land	N/A	Site options which are large (>5ha) and are entirely or mainly (>50%) on greenfield land	N/A
ALL SITE OPTIONS Intersection with mineral resources	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	All other site options	N/A	N/A	Site options intersect with Mineral Safeguarding Area	N/A	N/A
SA Objective 18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem										
<p>While new residential and employment development will inevitably lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions through emissions from domestic, commercial and transport sources, the location of individual housing or employment sites will not have an effect on levels of energy consumption and the potential for renewable energy use. These factors would be influenced more by the specific design and construction methods used, and whether renewable energy infrastructure is to be incorporated in the housing or employment development, which will not be known until planning applications come forward. Therefore, the location of residential and employment developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of</p>										

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car use amongst residents and employees.										
ALL SITE OPTIONS Proximity to sustainable transport links	Site options within 800m (<=800m) of three or more sustainable transport links (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)	N/A	Site options within 800m (<=800m) of two sustainable transport links (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options within 800m (<=800m) of one sustainable transport link (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)	N/A	Site options further than 800m (>=800m) from any sustainable transport link (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)
Natural Environment										
SA Objective 19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity										
Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone ² have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. Conversely, there may be opportunities to promote habitat connectivity if new developments include green infrastructure. Therefore, while the presence within a GI corridor or a GI enhancement zone, or proximity to designated sites provides an indication of the potential for an adverse effect, uncertainty exists, as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. In addition, the potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity present on each site, or undesignated habitats and species adjacent to the potential development sites, cannot be determined with certainty at this strategic level of assessment. This would be determined once more specific proposals are developed and submitted as part of a planning application.										
ALL SITE OPTIONS Distance to (impacts on): International, national or local designated wildlife and geodiversity sites International (SAC, SPA, Ramsar) National (SSSI, NNR, <i>Ancient Woodland, Priority Habitat Inventory</i>) Local (LNR, SWS, SINC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options more than 1km (>=1km) from any internationally or nationally designated biodiversity or geodiversity site OR Site options that do not contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory	Site options between 250m and 1km (>=250m<=1km) of one or more internationally or nationally designated biodiversity or geodiversity site OR Site options that contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory	N/A	Site options that contain or are within 250m (<=250m) of an internationally or nationally designated biodiversity or geodiversity site	N/A
ALL SITE OPTIONS Presence within Green Infrastructure corridors or Green Infrastructure enhancement zones	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options not within a Green Infrastructure corridor OR a Green Infrastructure enhancement zone	Site options within a Green Infrastructure corridor OR a Green Infrastructure enhancement zone	N/A	N/A	N/A
SA Objective 20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces										
As there are no National Parks or Green Belt designations within or immediately adjacent to Herefordshire, the location of potential housing and employment sites is not expected to affect these landscape designations. Similarly, although the Wye Valley AONB and the Malvern Hills AONB lie partially within Herefordshire and the Shropshire Hills AONB lies almost adjacent to the north-western part of Herefordshire, the location of potential housing and employment sites within the Hereford Area Plan is also not expected to affect the AONBs as the nearest potential site is 3.7km from the closest part of the Wye Valley AONB. The Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis ³ characterises the areas surrounding Hereford and each of the five market towns. It identifies areas of low, medium-low, medium, high-medium, and high sensitivity, depending on how vulnerable key landscape characteristics are to change. None of the land around the periphery of Hereford was assessed as falling into the lowest category of sensitivity and therefore it is not used as a proxy in the assumptions. The Green Infrastructure Strategy ⁴ identifies new and existing green infrastructure corridors which enhance the character and distinctiveness of an area. Site options within these corridors could contribute to fragmentation of these corridors thereby reducing their positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness, although in larger sites there may be opportunities to retain/provide new areas of green infrastructure.										
ALL SITE OPTIONS Classification of areas in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options within an area classified as 'medium-low sensitivity' (Urban Fringe Sensitivity)	N/A	N/A	Site options within an area classified as 'high-medium sensitivity' or 'medium sensitivity' (Urban	N/A	Site options within an area classified as 'high sensitivity' (Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis)

² Herefordshire Council and NHS Herefordshire (2010) Green Infrastructure Strategy Herefordshire – Local Development Framework [pdf] Available at: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/greeninfrastructure>

³ Herefordshire Council and NHS Herefordshire (2010) Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis: Hereford and the Market Towns

⁴ Herefordshire Council and NHS Herefordshire (2010) Green Infrastructure Strategy Herefordshire – Local Development Framework [pdf] Available at: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/greeninfrastructure>

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					Analysis) OR Site options not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis (assumed to be of low sensitivity)			Fringe Sensitivity Analysis)		
ALL SITE OPTIONS Presence within Green Infrastructure corridors or Green Infrastructure enhancement zones	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options not within a Green Infrastructure corridor OR a Green Infrastructure enhancement zone	Site options within a Green Infrastructure corridor OR a Green Infrastructure enhancement zone	N/A	N/A	N/A
SA Objective 21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water										
<p>There are a number of Source Protection Zones (SPZs) in Herefordshire, including in Hereford. Sites which are located within a Source Protection Zone present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources.</p> <p>All development is likely to involve the use of water in its daily operation as well as during its construction. The specific use of the development in question is unlikely to affect water quality as this SA is only looking at residential and employment uses (not industrial, waste or minerals operations for which any discharges would be subject to the Environment Agency permitting regime).</p> <p>The availability of water resources to meet demand during the plan period has been examined and Dwr Cymru-Welsh Water's Water Resource Management Plan⁵ identifies that there are sufficient water resources available to meet demand during the plan period until 2031. Welsh Water also confirmed in their response to the HAP Issues and Options paper that all new connections to the water network will be subject to a Grampian style planning condition on development. Furthermore, they advise that there ought to be no issues with the two Hereford Wastewater Treatment Works accommodating the level of growth proposed, however, further advice will be provided once site locations and capacities are identified at Preferred Options stage.</p>										
ALL SITE OPTIONS Site options located within a Source Protection Zone (SPZ)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	All other site options	N/A	Site options intersect a Source Protection Zone	N/A	N/A	N/A
SA Objective 22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment										
<p>While it is recognised that new development of any type in any location may offer good opportunities to incorporate water management systems, including Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS), inappropriately located development can increase overall flood risk and vulnerability to flooding.</p> <p>New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are large in size and/or are within high risk flood zones. National Planning Practice Guidance identifies residential properties as a 'more vulnerable use', which is suitable in areas of Flood Zone 1 and 2 but would require an exception test in Flood Zone 3a (high probability of flooding), and is unsuitable in Flood Zone 3b (the functional flood plain), while office and general industry is identified as a 'less vulnerable use' which is suitable in areas of Flood Zone 1, 2 and 3a but is unsuitable in Flood Zone 3b. Herefordshire Council prepared a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) in 2009 and is currently in the process of preparing a revised SFRA. Due to the passage of time since the previous SFRA was prepared, it was decided not to use this dataset but the Environment Agency Flood Zones dataset which is more up-to-date. Therefore, the sub-categories of Flood Zone 3 (3a and 3b) are not considered in the assessment criteria.</p>										
ALL SITE OPTIONS Site options on brownfield or greenfield land and within flood zones	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options on brownfield land outside of Flood Zone 3	N/A	N/A	Site options that are entirely or mainly (>50%) on greenfield outside of Flood Zone 3	Site options that are entirely or mainly (>50%) on brownfield within Flood Zone 3	Site options that are entirely or mainly (>50%) on greenfield land that is within Flood Zones 3
SA Objective 23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution										
<p>AIR: There are two AQMAs in Herefordshire – the Hereford AQMA and the Bargates Leominster AQMA. All new development in AQMAs (regardless of the use specified) has the potential to aggravate local air quality in terms of a resultant increased number of journeys during the construction and operational phases thereby compounding existing air quality problems.</p> <p>The location of new sites can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking.</p>										
ALL SITE OPTIONS Proximity to sustainable transport links	Site options within 800m (<=800m) of three or more sustainable transport links (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)	N/A	Site options within 800m (<=800m) of two sustainable transport links (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options within 800m (<=800m) of one sustainable transport link (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)	N/A	Site options further than 800m (>=800m) from any sustainable transport link (bus stops, railway stations or cycle paths)

⁵ Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (2014) Resources Management Plan 2015-2040 [online] Available at: https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/directory_record/2077/dwr_cymru_welsh_water_dcww_resources_management_plan_2015-2040

Site assessment criteria	Significant positive effect (++)	Uncertain significant positive effect (++?)	Minor positive effect (+)	Uncertain minor positive effect (+?)	Negligible effect (0)	Uncertain negligible effect (0?)	Uncertain minor negative effect (-?)	Minor negative effect (-)	Uncertain significant negative effect (--?)	Significant negative effect (--)
ALL SITE OPTIONS Site options that are within, or directly connected via road, to one of the Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) in the county	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not within an AQMA or likely to generate traffic that uses an AQMA route as its primary access	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Within an AQMA or likely to generate traffic that uses an AQMA route as its primary access
NOISE & LIGHT:										
<p>The World Health Organisation's Night Noise Guidelines for Europe (2009) set guideline values for health protection in terms of the metric set L_{night,outside} which is the average annual noise level in the 8-hour period 2300-0700. The guidelines take account of the fact that the noise levels are measured outdoors but that the receptor (sleeping person) is indoors and that most people prefer to sleep with the window partly open. Adverse health effects begin to be observed when L_{night,outside} is in the range 40-55 dB and when L_{night,outside} is 55 dB or higher, adverse health effects occur frequently and there is an risk of cardiovascular disease. Since the lowest level of L_{night,outside} reported in Defra's strategic noise maps is 50.0-54.9 dB the SA assumes a minor negative effect for residential development in this noise zone and a significant negative effect for residential development in 55.0 dB-59.9 and higher noise zones.</p> <p>The World Health Organisation's Guidelines for Community Noise (1999) set a guideline limit for average daytime noise in dwellings of 35 dB. Unlike the Night Noise Guidelines for Europe (2009) this limit is not based on the outdoor noise levels required to be monitored by Member States under the Environmental Noise Directive although, based on professional judgement, noise levels experienced indoors can be estimated to be, on average, 10 dB lower than outdoor noise levels so this guideline equates to an outdoor value of 45 dB. Serious annoyance in outdoor living areas occurs at outdoor noise levels of 55 dB. Defra's strategic noise maps show LA_{eq,16}, the annual average outdoor noise levels for the 16-hour period 0700-2300, with the lowest reported noise band 55.0-59.9. The SA assumes a minor negative effect for residential development in this noise zone and a significant negative effect for residential development in 60.0 dB-64.9 and higher noise zones.</p> <p>The World Health Organisation's Night Noise Guidelines for Europe (2009) confirm that more vulnerable groups such as children, the chronically ill or the elderly are more susceptible to adverse effects from night noise. The SA therefore assumes that proposals for developments to serve such groups have a high likelihood of harm in locations where L_{night,outside} is 50.0-54.9 dB or LA_{eq,16} is 55.0-59.9 dB.</p> <p>The SA does not consider exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways in relation to employment development as noise levels experienced by workers will be heavily influenced the type of work carried to be out on the premises, whether hearing protection is worn by employees, and the design of the building (e.g. offices are more likely than dwellings to be air conditioned and acoustically insulated).</p> <p>New development within close proximity of a waste management facility can result in people being exposed to odour and noise emissions. The severity of these impacts will depend on the size of the facility, the way it is operated and managed, the nature of the waste it takes and the prevailing weather conditions.</p>										
HOUSING SITE OPTIONS Exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways Proximity to waste management facilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sites not within 250m (<=250m) of a waste management facility or within a noise zone	N/A	N/A	L _{night} 50.0-54.9 dB, OR LA _{eq,16} 55.0-59.9 dB	N/A	L _{night} >=55.0 dB, OR LA _{eq,16} >= 60.0 dB OR Site options within 250m (<=250m) to waste management facility
EMPLOYMENT SITE OPTIONS Exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways Proximity to waste management facilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sites not within 250m (<=250m) of a waste management facility	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options within 250m (<=250m) of a waste management facility
SA Objective 24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources										
<p>The majority of land in Hereford is classified as Urban, however there are areas classified as Grade 2, 3 and 4 agricultural land. Furthermore, the Pre-1988 Agricultural Land Classification identifies areas comprising Grade 1, 2 and 3a best and most versatile agricultural land in Hereford, Lower Bullingham and Homer & Shelwick. Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect on preserving soil quality and will result in that land being lost to other uses.</p> <p>Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. Effects are uncertain depending on the design of the development and the previous use of the site.</p>										
ALL SITE OPTIONS Agricultural grade of land	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options that are not on Grade 1, 2 or 3 agricultural land	N/A	Site options that are entirely or mainly (>50%) on Grade 3 or 3b agricultural land OR Site options that partly comprise (<50%) Grade 1, 2 or 3a agricultural land	N/A	Site options that are entirely or mainly (>50%) on Grade 1, 2 or 3a agricultural land	N/A
ALL SITE OPTIONS Greenfield or brownfield land	N/A	N/A	N/A	Site options of any size entirely or mainly (>50%) on brownfield land	N/A	N/A	Site options which are small (<5ha) and are entirely or mainly (>50%) on	N/A	Site options which are large (>5ha) and are entirely or mainly (>50%) on	N/A

Site assessment criteria	Significant positive effect (++)	Uncertain significant positive effect (++?)	Minor positive effect (+)	Uncertain minor positive effect (+?)	Negligible effect (0)	Uncertain negligible effect (0?)	Uncertain minor negative effect (-?)	Minor negative effect (-)	Uncertain significant negative effect (--?)	Significant negative effect (--)
							greenfield land		greenfield land	

Appendix 4

Detailed SA matrices for the residential site options

Ayl01: Rockfield Road

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	The site is within 1km of the Aylestone School Business & Enterprise College, the Herford Sixth Form College, Hereford Cathedral School and The Robert Owen Academy. Therefore, an uncertain minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective. Effects are uncertain as they depend on there being capacity at those education facilitates to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	The site is within 800m of Hereford County Hospital and numerous GP surgeries. It is also within 800m of several areas of open spaces, the nearest being allotments and an area of safeguarded open space situated south of the site. There is also a local cycle network route running parallel along the eastern boundary of the site. A significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective as residents will have good access to healthcare facilities and may be encouraged by the close proximity of PRow's and cycle paths to undertake journeys on foot or by bicycle and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	++	The site is within 800m of the Hereford railway station, numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. The site is not situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. Overall, a significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	++	The site is within 800m of the Hereford railway station, numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. A significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	++	The site is within 800m of the Hereford railway station, the Hereford County Hospital, numerous bus stops, local cycle paths, secondary schools, further education colleges, GP surgeries, art galleries/museums, and sport and recreation facilities/open spaces. A significant positive effect is identified as housing sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
		access these facilities.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (1.3ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is relatively small in size (1.3ha) it is considered likely that the number of new homes that could be accommodated would be less than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	++?	<p>The site comprises brownfield land. Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. The effect is uncertain as it is dependent on the design of the new development and the previous use of the site which is not known at present.</p> <p>The site is within 800m of the Hereford railway station, numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which are expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use.</p> <p>Overall, a significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective.</p>
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	-?	The north of the site is adjacent to the Aylestone Hill Conservation Area. The east of the site is in close proximity to the Bodenham Road Conservation Area while the west of the site is near the Hereford Area of Archaeological Importance. Overall, an uncertain minor negative effect is identified as the impact of development will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	+?	The site is small in size (1.3ha) located on brownfield land and development of this site may improve the appearance of the built environment by replacing older and possibly derelict buildings with high quality new development. Effects are uncertain as it depends largely in the appearance of the development in comparison to what was on the site previously.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (1.3ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	+?	<p>The site is small in size (1.3ha) located on brownfield land. Development of this site ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. Effects are uncertain as it depends largely in the appearance of the development in comparison to what was on the site previously.</p> <p>The site does not intersect a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore will not sterilise mineral</p>

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
		resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County. Overall, an uncertain minor positive effect is identified.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	++	The site is within 800m of the Hereford railway station, numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is located between 250m and 1km of the River Wye SAC and the River Wye SSSI. It is also within a Green Infrastructure Corridor (according to the Green Infrastructure Strategy). Effects are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor effect is identified for this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis and is therefore assumed to be of low sensitivity. However, it is located in a Green Infrastructure corridor which could contribute to the fragmentation of this corridor thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor effect is identified for this SA objective.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	0	The site is on brownfield land outside of Flood Zones 2 and 3 and will therefore have a negligible effect on this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	++	The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of the Hereford railway station, numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. A significant positive effect is expected for this element of the objective. The site is not at risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways and therefore will have a negligible effect on this element of the SA objective. Overall, a significant positive effect is expected for this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	+?	The site comprises brownfield land which is classified as 'Urban' land according to the Agricultural Land Classification and therefore an overall uncertain minor positive effect is expected as development of brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites.

Ayl14: Aylestone Park

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	++?	The site is within 500m of St. Francis Xavier's RC Primary School and within 1km of the Aylestone School Business & Enterprise College. Therefore, an uncertain significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective. Effects are uncertain as they depend on there being capacity at those education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+/-?	The site is within 800m of several areas of open spaces, the nearest being immediately to the east at Aylestone Park. There is also a local cycle network route running within 85m of the site to the north. The site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective as residents may be encouraged by the close proximity of cycle paths to undertake journeys by more active modes of transport and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles. This site however lies on an area of open space (Aylestone School Playing Fields) which may be lost as a result of residential development at this location meaning that the positive effect is expected in combination with an uncertain minor negative effect.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. The site is not situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. Overall, a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths as well as a primary school, village hall and numerous sport and recreation facilities/open spaces. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified as housing

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activities for all		sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to access these facilities.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (2.20ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is relatively small in size (2.20ha) it is considered likely that the number of new homes that could be accommodated would be less than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/-?	<p>The site comprises greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is relatively small in size (2.20ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the negative effect expected is likely to be combined with a minor positive effect.</p>
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site does not contain and is not adjacent to a heritage asset and does not form part of a gap between existing developments. There is also no intervisibility between the site and any identified heritage assets in the County. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that design of the development is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	-?	The site is small in size (2.20ha) located on greenfield land and its development may adversely impact upon the character of the surrounding area. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (2.20ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	-?	The site is small in size (2.20ha) located on greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources given that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.

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		The site does not intersect with and is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore will not sterilise mineral resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County. Overall, an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site does not contain any local wildlife designations, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory and is not located in close proximity to any nationally or internationally designations. It is however located within a Green Infrastructure Corridor (according to the Green Infrastructure Strategy). Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis and is therefore assumed to be of low sensitivity. However, it is located in a Green Infrastructure corridor and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of the corridor thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County but is outside of Flood Zones 2 and 3. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor. The site is not at risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways and therefore will have a negligible effect on this element of the SA objective. Overall, a minor positive is expected in relation to SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	-?	The site is relatively small in size (2.20ha) and comprises greenfield land which is classified as Grade 3 land according to the Agricultural Land Classification. Therefore an overall uncertain minor negative effect is expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Furthermore the provision of new

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
		development at this location would likely result in the loss of access to relatively good value agricultural soils.

Ayl15: Land at Walney House Farm

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	++?	The site is within 500m of Broadlands Primary School and within 1km of the Aylestone School Business & Enterprise College. Therefore, an uncertain significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective. Effects are uncertain as they depend on there being capacity at those education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+	The site is within 800m of several areas of open spaces, the nearest being to the west of the site at Aylestone Park. Furthermore an area of safeguarded open space at Aylestone High School is located within 285m of the site to the south. There is also a PRoW which runs through part of the site from the north east and a cycle path is located adjacent to the site to the west. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective as residents may be encouraged by the close proximity of the PRoWs and cycle path to undertake journeys by more active modes of transport and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. The site is not situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. Overall, a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
transport, cycling and walking		identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths as well as a primary school, secondary school, village hall and numerous sport and recreation facilities/open spaces. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified as housing sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to access these facilities.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	++	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively large in size (6.97ha) it is considered likely that more opportunities are likely to result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	++	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is relatively large in size (6.97ha) it is considered likely that the number of new homes that could be accommodated would be more than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/--?	<p>The site comprises mostly greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is relatively large in size (6.97ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility to the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel by private car thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the negative effect expected is likely to be combined with a minor positive effect.</p>
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	--?	The site comprises existing undeveloped land which falls partially within the Aylestone Hill Conservation Area. The remainder of the site is located adjacent to this Conservation Area. Adopting the precautionary principle it is considered likely that the development of the site may have an adverse impact on the established character of the Conservation Area as a result of loss of this area of open space. A significant negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that design of the development is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	--?	The site is large in size (6.97ha) located on mostly greenfield land and its development may adversely impact upon the character of the surrounding area. A significant negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable	--?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer

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materials and encourage recycling		opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively large in size (6.97ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	--?	<p>The site is large in size (6.97ha) located on greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources given that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.</p> <p>The site is also located partially within a Mineral Safeguarding Area to the east and therefore its development may result in the sterilisation of mineral resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County.</p> <p>Overall, an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	--?	The site does not contain any local wildlife designations, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory but is located within 250m of Lugg And Hampton Meadows SSSI to the east. Furthermore the northern portion of the site is located within a Green Infrastructure Corridor (according to the Green Infrastructure Strategy). Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain significant effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	--?	The site is located within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis as having 'high' sensitivity. Furthermore the northern portion of the site is also located within a Green Infrastructure corridor and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of the corridor thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall a significant negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County but is outside of Flood Zones 2 and 3. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+/-	The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within

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		<p>close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor.</p> <p>The north western corner of the site has been identified as being at moderate risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways meaning that residential development at this location could result in new residents suffering from adverse effects.</p> <p>Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is expected in relation to SA objective.</p>
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	The site is relatively large in size (6.97ha) and comprises greenfield land which is mostly classified as Grade 4 land (a portion of the land to the south west contains Grade 2 land) according to the Agricultural Land Classification. An overall uncertain significant negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites.

Ayl16: Land north of St Francis Xavier's School

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1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	The site is within 500m of St. Francis Xavier's RC Primary School but is not located within 1km of a secondary school. Therefore, an uncertain minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective. Effects are uncertain as they depend on there being capacity at those education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+/-?	The site is within 800m of several areas of open spaces, the nearest being immediately to the west at Old School Lane Playing Field. There is also a local cycle network route running adjacent to the site in this direction. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective as residents may be encouraged by the close proximity of cycle paths to undertake journeys by more active modes of transport and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles. This site however lies on an area of safeguarded open space which may be lost as a result of residential development at this location meaning that the positive effect is expected in combination with an uncertain minor negative effect.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.

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8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. The site is not situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. Overall, a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths as well as a primary school, village hall and numerous sport and recreation facilities/open spaces. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified as housing sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to access these facilities.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is small in size (0.57ha) it is considered likely that fewer opportunities are likely to result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). The site is proposed to deliver 10 houses which would make a smaller contribution to meeting the housing need identified than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/-?	The site comprises mostly greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is relatively small in size (0.57ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the negative effect expected is likely to be combined with a minor positive effect.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site does not contain and is not adjacent to a heritage asset and does not form part of a gap between existing developments. There is also no intervisibility between the site and any identified heritage assets in the County. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that design of the development is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character	-?	The site is small in size (the site capacity is 10 dwellings) located on greenfield land and its

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and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods		development may adversely impact upon the character of the surrounding area. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is small (0.57ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	-?	<p>The site is small in size (0.57ha) located on greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources given that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.</p> <p>The site does not intersect with and is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore will not sterilise mineral resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County.</p> <p>Overall, an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site does not contain any local wildlife designations, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory and is not located in close proximity to any nationally or internationally designations. It is however is located within a Green Infrastructure Corridor and partially within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone (according to the Green Infrastructure Strategy). Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis and is therefore assumed to be of low sensitivity. However, it is located in a Green Infrastructure corridor and partially within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of the corridor thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local

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of water		groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County but is outside of Flood Zones 2 and 3. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	<p>The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor.</p> <p>The site is not at risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways and therefore will have a negligible effect on this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>Overall, a minor positive is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	-?	The site is relatively small in size (0.57ha) and comprises greenfield land which is classified as Grade 3 land according to the Agricultural Land Classification and therefore an overall uncertain minor negative effect is expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Furthermore the provision of new development at this location would likely result in the loss of access to relatively good value agricultural soils.

Bel08: Former golf club Belmont

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1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	--?	The site is not located in close proximity of either a primary or secondary school. Therefore, an uncertain significant negative effect is identified for this SA objective. Effects are uncertain as they depend on there being capacity at education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+/-?	The site is within 800m of several areas of open spaces, the nearest being an area of safeguarded open space within 75m to the south east. There is a PRoW and cycle path located within 205m of the site also to the south east. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective as residents may be encouraged by the close proximity of PRoWs and cycle paths to undertake journeys by more active

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		modes of transport and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles. This site however contains an area of open space (a golf course) which may be lost as a result of residential development at this location meaning that the positive effect is expected in combination with an uncertain minor negative effect.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. The site is not situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. Overall, a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths as well as a village hall and numerous sport and recreation facilities/open spaces. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified as housing sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to access these facilities.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	++	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is large in size (12.92ha) it is considered likely that more opportunities are likely to result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	++	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). The site is considered to be large (12.92ha) and is proposed to deliver 50 dwellings which would make a relatively large contribution to meeting the housing need identified. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/-?	The site comprises mostly greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is relatively large in size

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		(12.92ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the negative effect expected is likely to be combined with a minor positive effect.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	+?/--?	The site contains a number of Listed Buildings including Grade II* Belmont House. It is also located within an Unregistered Park and Garden (Belmont House). It is expected that while development at this location may result in adverse impacts in terms of the setting of identified heritage assets there may be beneficial impacts in terms of the potential appropriate reuse use of the Listed Buildings within the site. Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/significant negative) is expected in relation to this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that the design of the development is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	--?	The site is large in size (12.92ha) located on greenfield land and its development may adversely impact upon the character of the surrounding area. A significant negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	--?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site would be relatively large (12.9ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	--?	The site is relatively large in size (12.92ha) located on mostly greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources given that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage. The site does not intersect with and is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore will not sterilise mineral resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County. Overall, an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	--?	The site contains part of the Belmont Wood and Hunderton Rough Local Wildlife Site as well as areas of Priority Habitat (deciduous woodland). It is also located within 50m of the River Wye which has been designated as a SSSI and SAC. Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall

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		an uncertain significant effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	--	The site is partially located within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis as having 'high' sensitivity . The site is not located within a Green Infrastructure corridor. Overall a significant negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on mostly greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County but is outside of Flood Zones 2 and 3. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor. The site is not at risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways and therefore will have a negligible effect on this element of the SA objective. Overall, a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	The site is relatively large in size (12.92ha) and comprises greenfield land which is classified as Grade 2 agricultural soil to the south and Grade 3 agricultural soil to the north according to the Agricultural Land Classification. Therefore an overall uncertain significant negative effect is expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Furthermore the provision of new development at this location would likely result in the loss of access to very good value agricultural soils.

Bel13: Land at Merryhill Farm

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1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.

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4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	--?	The site is not located in close proximity of either a primary or secondary school. Therefore, an uncertain significant negative effect is identified for this SA objective. Effects are uncertain as they depend on there being capacity at education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	The site is within 800m of several areas of open spaces, the nearest being a park or garden immediately to the north and east. There is a PRoW at the north western corner of the site and a cycle path is located within 110m of the site to the north. The site is also located within 800m of Belmont Medical Centre to the north east. A significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective as residents may be encouraged by the close proximity of PRoWs and cycle paths to undertake journeys by more active modes of transport and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles. The close proximity of healthcare facilities is furthermore likely to be to the benefit of local public health.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	++	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. The site is also situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. Overall, a significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths as well as a village hall, library, GP surgery and numerous sport and recreation facilities/open spaces. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified as housing sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to access these facilities.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	++	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively large in size (5.43ha) it is considered likely that more opportunities are likely to result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and	++	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is relatively large in size (5.43ha) it is considered likely that the number of new homes that could be accommodated

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pleasant local environments		would be more than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/--?	<p>The site comprises greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is relatively large in size (5.43ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the negative effect expected is likely to be combined with a minor positive effect.</p>
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	-?	The site does not contain and is not located within close proximity of any designated heritage assets. It is however located adjacent to Belmont House Unregistered Park and Garden which is to the north west. As such there is potential for adverse impacts in terms of the setting of this undesignated heritage asset. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that the design of the development is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	--?	The site is relatively large in size (5.43ha) located on greenfield land and its development may adversely impact upon the character of the surrounding area. A significant negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	--?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively large in size (5.43ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	--?	<p>The site is relatively large in size (5.43ha) located on mostly greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources given that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.</p> <p>The site does not intersect with and is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore will not sterilise mineral resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County.</p> <p>Overall, an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.

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19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is located within 1km of the River Wye which has been designated as a SSSI and SAC to the north. The site is also adjacent to two SINCs, Belmont Meadows Local Wildlife Site and areas of Priority Habitat (deciduous woodland) to the south and east respectively. The site is located within a Green Infrastructure Corridor and a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone (according to the Green Infrastructure Strategy). Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is partially located within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis as having 'high-medium' sensitivity . The site is also located in a Green Infrastructure corridor and a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of the corridor thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on mostly greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County but is outside of Flood Zones 2 and 3. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor. The site is not at risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways and therefore will have a negligible effect on this element of the SA objective. Overall, a minor positive is expected in relation to this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	The site is relatively large in size (5.43ha) and comprises greenfield land which is classified as Grade 2 agricultural soil according to the Agricultural Land Classification. Therefore an overall uncertain significant negative effect is expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Furthermore the provision of new development at this location would likely result in the loss of access to very good value agricultural soils.

Bel14: Argyll Rise, HR2 7BN

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	The site is located within 1km of a secondary school (Hereford Academy) to the east but is not located within close proximity of a primary school. Therefore, an uncertain minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective. Effects are uncertain as they depend on there being capacity at those education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++/-?	The site is within 800m of several areas of open spaces, the nearest being safeguarded open space at Kestrel Road / Waterfield Road immediately to the west. There is also a local cycle network route and PRoW running in close proximity of the site. Belmont Medical Centre is also located within 800m of the site to the north. A significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective as residents may be encouraged by the close proximity of cycle paths and PRoWs to undertake journeys by more active modes of transport and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles. The close proximity of healthcare facilities is furthermore likely to be to the benefit of local public health. This site however lies on an area of safeguarded open space which may be lost as a result of residential development at this location meaning that the positive effect is expected in combination with an uncertain minor negative effect.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	++	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. Parts of the site are also situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. Overall, a significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational,	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths as well as a number of village halls, a library, a GP surgery and numerous sport and recreation facilities/open spaces. However,

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leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all		the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified as housing sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to access these facilities.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is small (1.39ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). The site is proposed to deliver 20 houses which would make a smaller contribution to meeting the housing need identified than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/-?	<p>The site comprises greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is relatively small in size (1.39ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the negative effect expected is likely to be combined with a minor positive effect.</p>
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site does not contain and is not adjacent to a heritage asset and does not form part of a gap between existing developments. There is also no intervisibility between the site and any identified heritage assets in the County. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that design of the development is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	-?	The site is small in size (1.39ha) located on greenfield land and its development may adversely impact upon the character of the surrounding area. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is small (1.39ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	-?	The site is small in size (1.39ha) located on greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources given that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is

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		<p>unknown at this stage.</p> <p>The site does not intersect with and is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore will not sterilise mineral resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County.</p> <p>Overall, an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is located within 1km of the River Wye which has been designated as a SSSI and SAC to the north. Much of the site is also located within a Green Infrastructure Corridor (according to the Green Infrastructure Strategy). Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis and is therefore assumed to be of low sensitivity. However, much of the site is located in a Green Infrastructure corridor and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of the corridor thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on mostly greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County but is outside of Flood Zones 2 and 3. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	<p>The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor.</p> <p>The site is not at risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways and therefore will have a negligible effect on this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>Overall, a minor positive is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	-?	The site is relatively small in size (1.39ha) and comprises greenfield land which has not been classified as part of the Agricultural Land Classification and therefore an overall uncertain minor negative effect is expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land

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		in comparison to the development of brownfield sites.

Bel15: Home Farm

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	--?	The site is not located in close proximity of either a primary or secondary school. Therefore, an uncertain significant negative effect is identified for this SA objective. Effects are uncertain as they depend on there being capacity at education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	The site is within 800m of several areas of open spaces, the nearest being Abbey View West which has been identified as a public park or garden immediately to the north east. There is a PRoW and cycle path located immediately to the north and north east of the site respectively. Belmont Medical Centre is also located within 800m of the site to the east. A significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective as residents may be encouraged by the close proximity of PRoWs and cycle paths to undertake journeys by more active modes of transport and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles. The close proximity of healthcare facilities is furthermore likely to be to the benefit of local public health.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. The site is not situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. Overall, a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.

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transport, cycling and walking		
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths as well as a number of village halls, a library, a GP surgery and numerous sport and recreation facilities/open spaces. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified as housing sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to access these facilities.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	++	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively large in size (5.43ha) it is considered likely that more opportunities are likely to result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	++	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is relatively large in size (5.43ha) it is considered likely that the number of new homes that could be accommodated would be more than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/--?	<p>The site comprises greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is relatively large in size (5.43ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the negative effect expected is likely to be combined with a minor positive effect.</p>
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	-?	The site is located within Unregistered Park and Garden Belmont House and is also located adjacent to Grade II Listed Buildings to the east. As such there is potential for adverse impacts in terms of the setting of these designated and undesignated heritage assets. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that the design of the development is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	--?	The site is relatively large in size (5.43ha) located on greenfield land and its development may adversely impact upon the character of the surrounding area. A significant negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	--?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively large in size (5.43ha) an uncertain significant negative

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		effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	--?	<p>The site is large in size (5.43ha) located on greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources given that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage</p> <p>The site is also located partially within a Mineral Safeguarding Area to the north and therefore its development may result in the sterilisation of mineral resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County.</p> <p>Overall, an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is located within 1km of the River Wye which has been designated as a SSSI and SAC to the north. The site is also adjacent to Newton Coppice an area which is listed in the Ancient Woodland Inventory. The southern part of the site is located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone. Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	--?	The site is located within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis as having 'high' sensitivity. The site is also partially located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall a significant negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County but is outside of Flood Zones 2 and 3. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor.

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		The site is not at risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways and therefore will have a negligible effect on this element of the SA objective. Overall, a minor positive is expected in relation to this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	The site is relatively large in size (5.43ha) and comprises greenfield land which is classified as Grade 2 agricultural soil according to the Agricultural Land Classification. Therefore an overall uncertain significant negative effect is expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Furthermore the provision of new development at this location would likely result in the loss of access to very good value agricultural soils.

Bur09: Land at Cot Barn Farm

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	--?	The impacts of residential development on this SA objective will depend on the availability of education and training opportunities to serve the population. Impacts will depend on the proximity of residential sites to existing education facilities, although there are uncertainties as the impacts will depend on there being capacity at those education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage. The site is further than 1km from a secondary school and further than 500m from a primary school. Therefore an uncertain significant negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	The site is within 800m of several areas of open space, the nearest being the allotments to the west at Tillington Road within 285m. A number of PRoWs and cycle paths are also located within 800m of the site. Bobblestock Surgery is also located within 800m of the site to the south. A significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective as residents may be encouraged by the close proximity of PRoWs and cycle paths to undertake journeys by more active modes of transport and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles. The close proximity of healthcare facilities is furthermore likely to be to the benefit of local public health.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.

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7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	++	<p>The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station.</p> <p>The site is also situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation.</p> <p>Overall, a significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective.</p>
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths as well as a number of village halls, a library, a GP surgery and numerous sport and recreation facilities/open spaces. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified as housing sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to access these facilities.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	++	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is large (29.15ha) it is considered likely that more opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	++	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is proposed to deliver 435 houses which would make a large contribution to meeting the housing need identified. Therefore a significant positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/--?	<p>The site comprises mostly greenfield land (a small part of the site is listed on the Brownfield Register 2018). Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is relatively large in size (29.15ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the negative effect expected is likely to be combined with a minor positive effect.</p>

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14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site does not contain and is not adjacent to a heritage asset and does not form part of a gap between existing developments. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that design of the development is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	--?	The site is relatively large in size (29.15ha) located on mostly greenfield land (a small part of the site is listed on the Brownfield Register 2018) and its development may adversely impact upon the character of the surrounding area. A significant negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	--?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is large (29.15ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	--?	<p>The site is large in size (29.15ha) located on mostly greenfield land (a small part of the site is listed on the Brownfield Register 2018). Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources given that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.</p> <p>The site is also located partially within two Mineral Safeguarding Areas to the north and south respectively and therefore its development may result in the sterilisation of mineral resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County.</p> <p>Overall, an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is not located within 1km of a nationally or internationally designated biodiversity site. Furthermore it does not contain any locally designated sites, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. However it is located in a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone (according to the Green Infrastructure Strategy). Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is partially located within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis as having 'high-medium' sensitivity . The site is also located in a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green

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		infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on mostly greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County but is outside of Flood Zones 2 and 3. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	<p>The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor.</p> <p>The site is not at risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways and therefore will have a negligible effect on this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>Overall, a minor positive is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	The site is relatively large in size (29.15ha) and comprises mostly greenfield land (a small part of the site is listed on the Brownfield Register 2018). Most of this land is classified as Grade 3 land (a portion of the land to the west contains Grade 2 land) according to the Agricultural Land Classification. An overall uncertain significant negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Furthermore the provision of new development at this location would likely result in the loss of access to relatively good and good value agricultural soils.

Bur10: Land adjacent to Meadow Bank

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	--?	The site is not located in close proximity of either a primary or secondary school. Therefore, an uncertain significant negative effect is identified for this SA objective. Effects are uncertain as they depend on there being capacity at education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.

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5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+	The site is within 800m of several areas of open spaces, the nearest being a play space within 210m to the south west at Red Norman Rise. There is also a local cycle network route and PRoW which run to the eastern edge of the site. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective as residents may be encouraged by the close proximity of the PRoW and cycle path to undertake journeys by more active modes of transport and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	++	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. The site is also situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. Overall, a significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths as well as numerous sport and recreation facilities/open spaces. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified as housing sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to access these facilities.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (1.05ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is relatively small in size (1.05ha) it is considered likely that the number of new homes that could be accommodated would be less than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/-?	The site comprises mostly greenfield land (a small part of the site contains two smaller buildings to the north). Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of

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		<p>buildings and materials. As the site is relatively small in size (1.05ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the negative effect expected is likely to be combined with a minor positive effect.</p>
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site does not contain and is not adjacent to a heritage asset and does not form part of a gap between existing developments. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that design of the development is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	-?	The site is relatively small in size (1.05ha) located on mostly greenfield land (a small part of the site contains two smaller buildings to the north) and its development may adversely impact upon the character of the surrounding area. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (1.05ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	-?	<p>The site is relatively small in size (1.05ha) located on mostly greenfield land (a small part of the site contains two smaller buildings to the north). Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources given that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.</p> <p>The site does not intersect with and is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore will not sterilise mineral resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County.</p> <p>Overall, an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is not located within 1km of a nationally or internationally designated biodiversity site. Furthermore it does not contain any locally designated sites, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. The site is however located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone. Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain

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		minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	--?	The site is located mostly within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis as having 'high' sensitivity . The site is also located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall a significant negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on mostly greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County but is outside of Flood Zones 2 and 3. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor. The site is not at risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways and therefore will have a negligible effect on this element of the SA objective. Overall, a minor positive is expected in relation to this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	-?	The site is relatively small in size (1.05ha) and comprises mostly greenfield land (a small part of the site contains two smaller buildings to the north). This land is classified as Grade 3 land according to the Agricultural Land Classification. An overall uncertain minor negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Furthermore the provision of new development at this location would likely result in the loss of access to relatively good value agricultural soil.

Bur12: Land to the West of Burcott Farm

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	--?	The site is not located in close proximity of either a primary or secondary school. Therefore, an uncertain significant negative effect is identified for this SA objective. Effects are uncertain as they depend on there being capacity at education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+	The site is within 800m of several areas of open spaces, the nearest being Aylestone Park within 210m to the south east. The railway line lies between this open space and the site however meaning that access for new residents may be limited. Further open space is provided to the west at the play space at Red Norman Rise within 440m. There is also a local cycle network route and PRoW which are within 290m to the west and within 150m to the north east respectively. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective as residents may be encouraged by the close proximity of the PRoW and cycle path to undertake journeys by more active modes of transport and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	++	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. The site is also situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. Overall, a significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths as well as a primary school and numerous sport and recreation facilities/open spaces. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified as housing sites within walking

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activities for all		distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to access these facilities.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (2.91ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is relatively small in size (2.91ha) it is considered likely that the number of new homes that could be accommodated would be less than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/-?	<p>The site comprises greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is relatively small in size (2.91ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the negative effect expected is likely to be combined with a minor positive effect.</p>
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site does not contain and is not adjacent to a heritage asset and does not form part of a gap between existing developments. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that design of the development is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	-?	The site is relatively small in size (2.91ha) located on greenfield land and its development may adversely impact upon the character of the surrounding area. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (2.91ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	-?	<p>The site is relatively small in size (2.91ha) located on greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources given that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.</p> <p>The site does not intersect with and is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Safeguarding</p>

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		Area and therefore will not sterilise mineral resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County. Overall, an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is located within 1km of the Lugg And Hampton Meadows SSSI and the River Wye which has been designated as an SAC and SSSI both of which are to the south east. The site is also located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone. Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is located mostly within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis as having 'medium-low' sensitivity. The site is however located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County but is outside of Flood Zones 2 and 3. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+/-	The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor. A large portion of the site to the east has however been identified as being at moderate risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways meaning that residential development at this location could result in new residents suffering from adverse effects. Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is expected in relation to this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	-?	The site is relatively small in size (2.91ha) and comprises greenfield land. This land is classified as Grade 3 land according to the Agricultural Land Classification. An overall uncertain minor negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land

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		in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Furthermore the provision of new development at this location would likely result in the loss of access to relatively good value agricultural soil.

Bur17: Land at Burcott Farm

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	--?	The site is not located in close proximity of either a primary or secondary school. Therefore, an uncertain significant negative effect is identified for this SA objective. Effects are uncertain as they depend on there being capacity at education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+	The site is within 800m of several areas of open spaces, the nearest being Aylestone Park within 125m to the south. There is also a local cycle network route and PRoW which are within 150m to the south and within 100m to the north west respectively. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective as residents may be encouraged by the close proximity of the PRoW and cycle path to undertake journeys by more active modes of transport and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	++	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. The site is also situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. Overall, a significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is

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transport, cycling and walking		identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths as well as a primary school and numerous sport and recreation facilities/open spaces. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified as housing sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to access these facilities.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (4.41ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is relatively small in size (4.41ha) it is considered likely that the number of new homes that could be accommodated would be less than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/-?	<p>The site comprises greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is relatively small in size (4.41ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the negative effect expected is likely to be combined with a minor positive effect.</p>
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site does not contain and is not adjacent to a heritage asset and does not form part of a gap between existing developments. The closest heritage asset to the site is the Aylestone Hill Conservation Area which is located within 60m to the south east. While the site has a degree of intervisibility with the Conservation Area, it is not brownfield land and therefore it is considered unlikely that opportunities will arise to improve the setting of this heritage asset. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that design of the development is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	-?	The site is relatively small in size (4.41ha) located on greenfield land and its development may adversely impact upon the character of the surrounding area. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (4.41ha) an uncertain minor negative

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		effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	-	<p>The site is relatively small in size (4.41ha) located on greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources given that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be limited.</p> <p>The site is also located partially within two Mineral Safeguarding Areas to the north east and south west respectively and therefore its development may result in the sterilisation of mineral resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County.</p> <p>Overall, a minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is located within 1km of the Lugg And Hampton Meadows SSSI and the River Wye which has been designated as an SAC and SSSI both of which are to the south east. The site is also located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone. Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is located mostly within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis as having 'medium-low' sensitivity. The site is however located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County but is outside of Flood Zones 2 and 3. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+/--	<p>The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor.</p> <p>A large portion of the site to the south has however been identified as being at moderate risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways with a smaller area identified as being at high</p>

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		risk from this type of exposure meaning that residential development at this location could result in new residents suffering from adverse effects. Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive/significant negative) is expected in relation to SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	-?	The site is relatively small in size (4.41ha) and comprises greenfield land. This land is classified as Grade 3 land according to the Agricultural Land Classification. An overall uncertain minor negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Furthermore the provision of new development at this location would likely result in the loss of access to relatively good value agricultural soil.

Bur18: Land adjacent to Rose Gardens Public House

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	--?	The site is not located in close proximity of either a primary or secondary school. Therefore, an uncertain significant negative effect is identified for this SA objective. Effects are uncertain as they depend on there being capacity at education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+	The site is within 800m of several areas of open spaces, the nearest being a play space within 205m to the south at Red Norman Rise. There is also a local cycle network route and PRoW which run within 85m of the site to the east. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective as residents may be encouraged by the close proximity of the PRoW and cycle path to undertake journeys by more active modes of transport and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	++	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. The site is also situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to

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		Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. Overall, a significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths as well as numerous sport and recreation facilities/open spaces. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified as housing sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to access these facilities.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (1.08ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is relatively small in size (1.08ha) it is considered likely that the number of new homes that could be accommodated would be less than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/-?	The site comprises mostly greenfield land (a small part of the site contains a number of smaller buildings to the north west). Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is relatively small in size (1.08ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the negative effect expected is likely to be combined with a minor positive effect.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site does not contain and is not adjacent to a heritage asset and does not form part of a gap between existing developments. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that design of the development is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	-?	The site is relatively small in size (1.08ha) located on mostly greenfield land (a small part of the site contains a number of smaller buildings to the north west) and its development may adversely impact upon the character of the surrounding area. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.

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16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (1.08ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	-?	<p>The site is relatively small in size (1.08ha) located on mostly greenfield land (a small part of the site contains a number of smaller buildings to the north west). Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources given that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.</p> <p>The site does not intersect with and is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore will not sterilise mineral resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County.</p> <p>Overall, an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is not located within 1km of a nationally or internationally designated biodiversity site. Furthermore it does not contain any locally designated sites, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. The site is however located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone. Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	--?	The site is located mostly within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis as having 'high' sensitivity. The site is also located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall a significant negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the	-	The site is located on greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County but is outside of Flood Zones 2 and 3. A minor negative effect

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economy and the environment		is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	<p>The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor.</p> <p>The site is not at risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways and therefore will have a negligible effect on this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>Overall, a minor positive is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	-?	The site is relatively small in size (1.08ha) and comprises mostly greenfield land (a small part of the site contains a number of smaller buildings to the north west). This land is classified as Grade 3 land according to the Agricultural Land Classification. An overall uncertain minor negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Furthermore the provision of new development at this location would likely result in the loss of access to relatively good value agricultural soil.

Bur21: Land opposite Staniers Way

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1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	--?	The site is not located in close proximity of either a primary or secondary school. Therefore, an uncertain significant negative effect is identified for this SA objective. Effects are uncertain as they depend on there being capacity at education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+	The site is within 800m of several areas of open spaces, the nearest being Aylestone Park within 150m to the south. There is also a local cycle network route and PRoW which are within 160m to the south and within 150m to the north east respectively. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective as residents may be encouraged by the close proximity of the PRoW and cycle path to undertake journeys by more active modes of transport and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.

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7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	++	<p>The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station.</p> <p>The site is also situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation.</p> <p>Overall, a significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective.</p>
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths as well as a primary school and numerous sport and recreation facilities/open spaces. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified as housing sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to access these facilities.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (1.57ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is relatively small in size (1.57ha) it is considered likely that the number of new homes that could be accommodated would be less than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/-?	<p>The site comprises greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is relatively small in size (1.57ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the negative effect expected is likely to be combined with a minor positive effect.</p>
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site does not contain and is not adjacent to a heritage asset and does not form part of a gap between existing developments. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. The

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		effect is uncertain given that design of the development is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	-?	The site is relatively small in size (1.57ha) located on greenfield land and its development may adversely impact upon the character of the surrounding area. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (1.57ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	-?	<p>The site is relatively small in size (1.57ha) located on greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources given that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.</p> <p>The site does not intersect with and is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore will not sterilise mineral resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County.</p> <p>Overall, an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is located within 1km of the Lugg And Hampton Meadows SSSI and the River Wye which has been designated as an SAC and SSSI both of which are to the south east. The site is also located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone. Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is located mostly within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis as having 'medium-low' sensitivity. The site is however located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its

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watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water		development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County but is outside of Flood Zones 2 and 3. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+/--	<p>The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor.</p> <p>The site however has been identified as being at moderate risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways with a smaller part of the site identified as being at high risk from this type of exposure meaning that residential development at this location could result in new residents suffering from adverse effects.</p> <p>Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive/significant negative) is expected in relation to SA objective.</p>
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	The site is relatively small in size (1.57ha) and comprises greenfield land. This land is classified as Grade 1 land according to the Post 1988 Agricultural Land Classification. An overall uncertain significant negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Furthermore the provision of new development at this location would likely result in the loss of access to best and most versatile agricultural soil.

Bur23: Land adjacent to the Willows

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1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	--?	The site is not located in close proximity of either a primary or secondary school. Therefore, an uncertain significant negative effect is identified for this SA objective. Effects are uncertain as they depend on there being capacity at education facilitates to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health	+	The site is within 800m of several areas of open spaces, the nearest being Aylestone Park within 285m to the south east. The railway line lies between this open space and the site however meaning

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geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all		that access for new residents may be limited. Further open space is provided to the north west at the play space at Red Norman Rise within 225m. There is also a local cycle network route and PRoW which are within 55m to the west and within 215m to the north west respectively. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare centre. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective as residents may be encouraged by the close proximity of the PRoW and cycle path to undertake journeys by more active modes of transport and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	++	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. The site is also situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. Overall, a significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths as well as a primary school and numerous sport and recreation facilities/open spaces. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified as housing sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to access these facilities.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (3.54ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is relatively small in size (3.54ha) it is considered likely that the number of new homes that could be accommodated would be less than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/-?	The site comprises greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is relatively small in size (3.54ha)

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		<p>an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the negative effect expected is likely to be combined with a minor positive effect.</p>
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site does not contain and is not adjacent to a heritage asset and does not form part of a gap between existing developments. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that design of the development is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	-?	The site is relatively small in size (3.54ha) located on greenfield land and its development may adversely impact upon the character of the surrounding area. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (3.54ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	-?	<p>The site is relatively small in size (3.54ha) located on greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources given that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.</p> <p>The site does not intersect with and is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore will not sterilise mineral resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County.</p> <p>Overall, an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is located within 1km of the Lugg And Hampton Meadows SSSI. The site is also located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone. Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is located within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis as having 'medium-low' sensitivity. The site is however located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness.

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		Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County but is outside of Flood Zones 2 and 3. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+/--	<p>The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor.</p> <p>A portion of the site to the south has however been identified as being at moderate risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways with part of this area also identified as being at high risk from exposure meaning that residential development at this location could result in new residents suffering from adverse effects.</p> <p>Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive/significant negative) is expected in relation to SA objective.</p>
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	-?	The site is relatively small in size (3.54ha) and comprises greenfield land. This land is classified as Grade 3 land according to the Agricultural Land Classification. An overall uncertain minor negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Furthermore the provision of new development at this location would likely result in the loss of access to relatively good value agricultural soil.

Bur29: Land adjacent to the Rose Gardens

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.

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4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	--?	This site is not within 1km of a secondary school or college, nor is it within 500m of a primary school. A significant negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective due to the lack of nearby education facilities for future residents, however, this is uncertain as it is not known whether capacity exists in schools and colleges beyond 1km to accommodate new residents.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+	This site is within 800m of a sports facility and playing field and a number of local cycle paths and Public Rights of Way routes, thereby providing residents with opportunities to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. The site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare facility, however. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	++	This site is within 800m of bus stops and local cycle routes providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. The site is also situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation and residential development at this location will enable those living in the most deprived areas to have improved access to housing. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle routes which will encourage residents to use more sustainable modes of transport to access jobs, services and facilities and thereby potentially encouraging active travel which has benefits for health. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	This site is within 800m of a sports ground, sports facility, playing field and a village hall thus providing easy access to these facilities. The site is also within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths, thereby providing access to other services and facilities further afield without having to rely on private car use. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (1.89ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is relatively small in size (1.89ha) it is considered likely that the number of new homes that could be accommodated would be less than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.

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		objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/-?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a small site (1.89ha) on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative effect is given, although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development. However, the site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive and minor negative uncertain) is expected in relation to this SA objective.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site is not located in, adjacent to or in close proximity to a designated or undesignated heritage asset and therefore a negligible effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	-?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is relatively small in size (1.89ha) and on greenfield land and therefore a minor negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (1.89ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	-?	The location of development sites on previously developed land will help to ensure the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings. This site is relatively small in size (1.88ha) and on greenfield land and therefore a minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will encourage the use of more sustainable modes of transport in the County. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, for example through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure. This site is not within 1km of any national or international nature conservation sites nor does it contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. The site is, however, within a green infrastructure corridor. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the site.

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20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is in a landscape classed as having 'high-medium' sensitivity in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis. The site is also within a green infrastructure corridor, the purpose of which is to positively contribute to the character and distinctiveness of the landscape. Development at this location could lead to the fragmentation of this green infrastructure corridor. Overall a minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective, although it is uncertain given that new development may incorporate new areas of green infrastructure which would have a positive effect on the landscape.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is not within flood zone 2 or 3, but is on greenfield land and therefore a minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use. The site is not located within an AQMA. Residents at the site will not be at risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways and therefore, the site will have a negligible effect on this element of the SA objective. Overall, a minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	-?	Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. This site is small (1.89ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative effect is given for this element of the SA objective. Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect in terms of preserving soil quality and will result in that land being lost to other uses. This site is on Grade 3 agricultural land. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective overall although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design of the development.

Bur30: Land at Attwood Lane

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.

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continued investment		
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	--?	This site is not within 1km of a secondary school or college, nor is it within 500m of a primary school. A significant negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective due to the lack of nearby education facilities for future residents, however, this is uncertain as it is not known whether capacity exists in schools and colleges beyond 1km to accommodate new residents.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+	This site is within 800m of two sports facilities, a playing field and a golf course. There are also a number of local cycle paths and Public Rights of Way routes, thereby providing residents with opportunities to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare facility. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	++	This site is within 800m of bus stops and local cycle routes providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. The site is also situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation and housing development at this location will enable those living in the most deprived areas to have improved access to housing. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle routes which will encourage residents to use more sustainable modes of transport to access jobs, services and facilities and thereby potentially encouraging active travel which has benefits for health. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	This site is within 800m of two sports facilities, a playing field and a golf course. The site is also within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths thereby providing access to other services and facilities further afield without having to rely on private car use. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	++	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively large in size (6.46ha) it is considered likely that more opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality,	++	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing

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affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments		(either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is relatively large in size (6.46ha) it is considered likely that the number of new homes that could be accommodated would be more than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/--?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a large site (6.46ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a significant negative effect is given, although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development. However, the site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive and significant negative uncertain) is expected in relation to this SA objective.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site is not located in, adjacent to or in close proximity to a designated or undesignated heritage asset and therefore a negligible effect is identified in relation to this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	--?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is large (6.46ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	--?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively large in size (6.46ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	--?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is large (6.46ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will encourage the use of more sustainable modes of transport in the County. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is not within 1km of

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		any national or international nature conservation sites nor does it contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. The site is however partly within a green infrastructure corridor. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the site.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is in a landscape classed as having 'high-medium' sensitivity in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis. The site is also partially within a green infrastructure corridor, the purpose of which is to positively contribute to the character and distinctiveness of the landscape. Development at this location could lead to the fragmentation of this green infrastructure corridor. Overall a minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective, although it is uncertain given that new development may incorporate new areas of green infrastructure which would have a positive effect on the landscape.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is not within flood zone 2 or 3, but is on greenfield land and therefore a minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use. The site is not located within an AQMA. Residents at the site will not be at risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways and therefore, the site will have a negligible effect on this element of the SA objective. A minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective overall.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. This site is large (6.46ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a significant negative effect is given for this element of the SA objective. Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect in terms of preserving soil quality and will result in that land being lost to other uses. This site is on Grade 3 agricultural greenfield land and is large at 6.46ha. A significant negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design of the development.

Bur31: Part of Burcott Farm

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1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	--?	This site is not within 1km of a secondary school or college, nor is it within 500m of a primary school. A significant negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective due to the lack of nearby education facilities for future residents, however, this is uncertain as it is not known whether capacity exists in schools and colleges beyond 1km to accommodate new residents.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+	This site is within 800m of three sports facilities, two playing fields and Victoria Park. There are also a number of local cycle routes, including one adjacent to the west of the site, which will encourage residents to be active which has benefits for health. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare facility. A minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	++	This site is within 800m of bus stops and local cycle routes providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. The site is also situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation and new housing development at this location will enable those living in the most deprived areas to have improved access to housing. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle routes which will encourage residents to use more sustainable modes of transport to access jobs, services and facilities and thereby potentially encouraging active travel which has benefits for health. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities	+	This site is within 800m of three sports facilities, two playing fields and Victoria Park. There are also a number of bus stops and local cycle routes, including one cycle path adjacent to the west of the site, thereby providing access to other services and facilities further afield without having to rely on private car use. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive

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for all		effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	++	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively large in size (6.54ha) it is considered likely that more opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	++	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is relatively large in size (6.54ha) it is considered likely that the number of new homes that could be accommodated would be more than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/-?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a large site (6.54ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a significant negative effect is given, although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development. However, the site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive and significant negative uncertain) is expected in relation to this SA objective.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site is not located in, adjacent to or in close proximity to a designated or undesignated heritage asset and therefore a negligible effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	--?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is large (6.54ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	--?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively large in size (6.54ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	--?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is large (6.54ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate	+	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of a number

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change as well as its contribution to the problem		of bus stops and local cycle paths which will encourage the use of more sustainable modes of transport in the County. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is within 1km of Lugg and Hampton Meadows SSSI. The site is also within a green infrastructure enhancement zone. A minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the site.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is located mostly within a landscape classed as having 'medium-low' sensitivity in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis. The site is, however, within a green infrastructure enhancement area, the purpose of which is to positively contribute to the character and distinctiveness of the landscape. Development at this location could lead to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure. Whilst the effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor negative, it is uncertain given that new development may incorporate new areas of green infrastructure which would have a positive effect on the landscape.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is not within flood zone 2 or 3, but is on greenfield land and therefore a minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use. The site is not located within an AQMA. Residents at the site will not be at risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways and therefore, the site will have a negligible effect on this element of the SA objective. A minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective overall.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. This site is large (6.54ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a significant negative effect is expected in relation to this element of the SA objective. Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect in terms of preserving soil quality and will result in that land being lost to other uses. This site is on Grade 3 agricultural greenfield land. A significant negative effect is therefore expected overall in relation to this SA objective although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design of the development.

Bur32: The Orchard, Lyde

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1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	--?	This site is not within 1km of a secondary school or college, nor is it within 500m of a primary school. A significant negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective due to the lack of nearby education facilities for future residents, however, this is uncertain as it is not known whether capacity exists in schools and colleges beyond 1km to accommodate new residents.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+	This site is within 800m of a sports facility. There are also a number of local cycle routes and Public Rights of Way routes within 800m which could encourage more active travel to and from the site, thereby having benefits for health. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a healthcare facility. A minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	++	This site is within 800m of bus stops and local cycle routes providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. The site is also situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation and new housing development at this location will enable those living in the most deprived areas to have improved access to housing. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle routes which will encourage residents to use more sustainable modes of transport to access jobs, services and facilities and thereby potentially encouraging active travel which has benefits for health. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities	+	This site is within 800m of a sports facility. There are also a number of bus stops and local cycle routes thereby providing access to other services and facilities further afield without having to rely on private car use. A village hall is also approximately 400m to the south of the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.

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11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.83ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is relatively small in size (0.83ha) and is proposed to deliver 25 houses which would make a small contribution to meeting the housing need identified. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/-?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a relatively small site (0.83ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative effect is given, although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development. However, the site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive and minor negative uncertain) is expected in relation to this SA objective.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site is not located in, adjacent to or in close proximity to a designated or undesignated heritage asset and therefore a negligible effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	-?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is relatively small in size (0.83ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.83ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	-?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is relatively small in size (0.83ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to	+	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will encourage the use of more sustainable modes of transport

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the problem		in the County. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is not within 1km of any national or international nature conservation sites nor does it contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. It is however located within a GI enhancement corridor. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the site.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is in a landscape classed as having 'high-medium' sensitivity in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis. The site is also within a green infrastructure enhancement area, the purpose of which is to positively contribute to the character and distinctiveness of the landscape. Development here could lead to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure. Overall a minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective, although it is uncertain given that new development may incorporate new areas of green infrastructure which would have a positive effect on the landscape.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	--	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is on greenfield land and partly within flood zone 3; therefore a significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+/--	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use. The site is also not located within an AQMA. However, the site is adjacent to the A49, and partly within a significant noise emission zone which may affect residents in the long term. A mixed effect (minor positive and significant negative) is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	-?	Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. This site is relatively small (0.83ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative uncertain effect is expected in relation to this element of the SA objective. Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect in terms of preserving soil quality and will result in that land being lost to other uses. This site is on Grade 3 agricultural greenfield land. Overall a minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design of the development.

Cen08: Car park opposite John Haider building

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1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	This site is within 1km of two further education facilities and a primary school is within 500m. However, the site is not located within 1km of a secondary school. A minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective however this is uncertain as it is not known whether capacity exists to accommodate future residents of the site.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	This site is within 800m of seven GP surgeries and two hospitals. NCN route 44 and a number of other local cycle paths and Public Rights of Way are within 800m, as are a number of open spaces and sports facilities, thereby providing residents with opportunities to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	++	This site is within 800m of Hereford railway station, a number of bus stops and local cycle routes providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. The site is not located within an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. A significant positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	++	The site is within 800m of Hereford train station, a number of bus stops and local cycle routes which will encourage residents to use more sustainable modes of transport to access jobs, services and facilities and thereby potentially encouraging active travel which has benefits for health. A significant positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	++	This site is within 800m of a number of open spaces and sports facilities. Hereford train station is within 800m and there are also a number of bus stops and local cycle routes within this distance thereby providing access to other services and facilities further afield without having to rely on private car use. There is one primary school within 500m, and two further education facilities, four art galleries and one library within 800m. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA

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		objective.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.35ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites.. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is relatively small in size (0.35ha) and is proposed to deliver 30 houses which would make a small contribution to meeting the housing need identified. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	++?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a relatively small site (0.35ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a positive effect is given, however this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site. The site is also within 800m of a number of Hereford train station, bus stops and local cycle paths which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, an uncertain significant positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	+?/--?	This site is within the Hereford Area of Archaeological Importance and as such, a significant negative effect is given, although this is uncertain as it depends on the design, scale and layout of the site which is currently unknown. However, the site is on brownfield land within a Conservation Area and does not contain any extant historic buildings. Development at this site may therefore provide benefits in terms of potential for enhancement of setting and character of the Conservation Area by bringing unused land into use. Overall, a mixed effect (uncertain significant negative and uncertain minor positive) is expected in relation to this SA objective.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	+?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be adversely affected where development takes place on greenfield land. Larger sites are likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is relatively small (0.35ha) and on brownfield, therefore a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.35ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	+?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is relatively small (0.35ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. This is uncertain,

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		however, dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	++	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of Hereford train station and a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will encourage public transport use. A significant positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is within 1km of the River Wye SAC and SSSI but does not contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. The site is not located within a GI corridor or a GI enhancement zone. A minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the site.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	0	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis and is therefore assumed to be of low sensitivity. Furthermore the site is not located within a green infrastructure corridor or enhancement zone. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	0	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is on brownfield land and not within a flood risk zone; therefore a negligible effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	++/-	The site is within 800m of Hereford train station, a number of bus stops and local cycle paths thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use. The site is not located within an AQMA. This site is also mostly within a moderate noise zone given the proximity of the A438, and noise levels could affect residents in the long-term. A mixed effect (significant positive and minor negative) is given.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	+?	Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect on preserving soil quality and will result in that land being lost to other uses. As this site is on urban brownfield land, a minor positive effect is expected overall in relation to this SA objective, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.

Cen21: Edgar Street Grid

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1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	This site is within 500m of a primary school and within 1km of three further education facilities. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a secondary school. A minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective however this is uncertain as it is not known whether capacity exists to accommodate future residents of the site.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++/-?	This site is within 800m of seven GP surgeries and two hospitals. NCN routes 44 and 46 and a number of other local cycle paths and Public Rights of Way are within 800m, as are a number of playing fields and other open space areas, thereby providing residents with opportunities to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. However, there is an area of open space within the site which could be lost to development, although there is also the potential that this could be incorporated into the development design, thus further promoting health and wellbeing. A mixed effect (significant positive and uncertain minor negative) is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	++	This site is within 800m of Hereford railway station, a number of bus stops and local cycle routes providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. The site is not located within an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation . A significant positive effect is given.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	++	The site is within 800m of Hereford train station, a number of bus stops and local cycle routes which will encourage residents to use more sustainable modes of transport to access jobs, services and facilities and thereby potentially encouraging active travel which has benefits for health. A significant positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities	++	This site is within 800m of a number of playing fields and sports facilities. Hereford train station is within 800m and there are also a number of bus stops and local cycle routes within this distance thereby providing access to other services and facilities further afield without having to rely on private car use. There is a primary school within 500m, and three further education facilities, four art galleries,

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for all		a village hall and one library within 800m. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	++	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively large in size (11.16ha) it is considered likely that more opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	++	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is relatively large in size (11.16ha) and is proposed to deliver 300 houses which would make a large contribution to meeting the housing need identified. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	++?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a relatively large site (11.16ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a positive effect is given, however this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site. The site is also within 800m of Hereford train station and a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, an uncertain significant positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	+?/--?	This site is partly within the Hereford Area of Archaeological Importance and also partly contains Blackfriar's Friary Scheduled Monument . A significant negative effect is given, although this is uncertain as it depends on the design, scale and layout of the site which is currently unknown. However, the site is on brownfield land which does not contain any Listed Buildings and is located within a Conservation Area which may provide benefits in terms of enhancing the setting and character of the Conservation Area by bringing unused land into use. Overall, a mixed effect (uncertain significant negative and uncertain minor positive) is given.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	+?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be adversely affected where development takes place on greenfield land. Larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is relatively large (11.16ha) on brownfield and therefore a minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	--?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively large in size (11.16ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	+?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is relatively large (11.16ha) and on brownfield

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		land and therefore a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	++	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of Hereford train station and a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will encourage public transport use. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is within 1km of the River Wye SAC and SSSI and also falls partly within a SIN. The site is also located within a GI enhancement zone. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the site.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis and is therefore assumed to be of low sensitivity. However, it is located in a green infrastructure enhancement zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. An uncertain minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	--?	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is on brownfield land however it is mostly located within a Flood Zone 3 area, therefore an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+ +/--	The site is within 800m of Hereford train station, a number of bus stops and local cycle paths thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use. However the site is also partly within an AQMA and residents at the site would most likely use the A49 and A438 roads covered by the AQMA. The site is mostly outside areas considered to be subject to noise pollution levels associated with the A4194, A438 and A465, and a negligible effect is given on this element of the SA objective. Overall a mixed (significant positive and significant negative) effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	+?	Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect on preserving soil quality and will result in that land being lost to other uses. As this site is on urban brownfield land a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective overall, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.

Cen22: Land at bus station/car park

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1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	This site is within 500m of a primary school and within 1km of three further education facilities. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a secondary school. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective however this is uncertain as it is not known whether capacity exists to accommodate future residents of the site.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	This site is within 800m of six GP surgeries and two hospitals. NCN route 44 and a number of other local cycle paths are within 800m, as are a number of playing fields and other open space areas, thereby providing residents with opportunities to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	++	This site is within 800m of Hereford railway station, a number of bus stops and local cycle routes providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. The site is not located within an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation . A significant positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	++	The site is within 800m of Hereford train station, a number of bus stops and local cycle routes which will encourage residents to use more sustainable modes of transport to access jobs, services and facilities and thereby potentially encouraging active travel which has benefits for health. A significant positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting,	++	This site is within 800m of a number of playing fields and sports facilities. Hereford train station is within 800m and there are also a number of bus stops and local cycle routes within this distance thereby providing access to other services and facilities further afield without having to rely on private

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recreational and community activities for all		car use. There is a primary school within 500m and three further education facilities, four art galleries, a village hall and one library within 800m. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (1.46ha) it is considered likely that fewer opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is relatively small in size (1.46ha) and is proposed to deliver 90 houses which would make a small contribution to meeting the housing need identified. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	++?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a small site (1.46ha) on brownfield land, therefore a positive effect is expected in relation to this element of the SA objective however, this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site. The site is within 800m of Hereford train station and a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, an uncertain significant positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	+?/--?	This site is within the Hereford Area of Archaeological Importance and also contains a Grade II Listed Building. The site is also partly within a Conservation Area and contains an extant historic building (Grade II Listed Building Governor's House). A significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective as the site is within the Area of Archaeological Importance and contains a Listed Building, although this is uncertain as it depends on the design, scale and layout of the site which is currently unknown. This effect is mixed with a minor positive uncertain effect, recognising the potential benefits on the setting of the Conservation Area but also the fact that the Grade II Listed Building may be used sustainably as part of the development, thereby preserving it.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	+?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be adversely affected where development takes place on greenfield land. Larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is small (1.46ha) and on brownfield, therefore a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (1.46ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.

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17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	+	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is relatively small (1.46ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	++	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of Hereford train station and a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will encourage public transport use. A significant positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is within 1km of the River Wye SAC and SSSI but does not contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. The site is also located within a GI enhancement zone and partially within a GI corridor. A minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the site.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis and is therefore also assumed to be of low sensitivity. However, it is located within a green infrastructure enhancement zone and partially within a green infrastructure corridor and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. An uncertain minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	0	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is on brownfield land and outside a Flood Zone 3 area, therefore a negligible effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	++/--	The site is within 800m of Hereford train station, a number of bus stops and local cycle paths thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use. However the site is in close proximity to an AQMA and residents at the site would most likely use the A49 and A438 which are roads covered by the AQMA. The site is also partly within an area which could be subject to significant noise effects associated with the A465. Overall a mixed (significant positive and significant negative) effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	+	Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect on preserving soil quality and will result in that land being lost to other uses. This site is on urban brownfield land. A minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective, although effects are uncertain and

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		dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.

Cen27: Police Station, Bath Street

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	This site is within 500m of a primary school and within 1km of two further education facilities. However, the site is not located in close proximity to a secondary school. A minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective, however, this is uncertain as it is not known whether capacity exists to accommodate future residents of the site.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	This site is within 800m of seven GP surgeries and two hospitals. NCN route 44 and a number of other local cycle paths and Public Rights of Way are within 800m, as are a number of playing fields, sports facilities and other open space areas, thereby providing residents with opportunities to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	++	This site is within 800m of Hereford railway station, a number of bus stops and local cycle routes providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. The site is not located within an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation . A significant positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and	++	The site is within 800m of Hereford train station, a number of bus stops and local cycle routes which will encourage residents to use more sustainable modes of transport to access jobs, services and facilities and thereby potentially encouraging active travel which has benefits for health. A significant positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.

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walking		
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	++	This site is within 800m of a number of playing fields and sports facilities. Hereford train station is within 800m and there are also a number of bus stops and local cycle routes within this distance thereby providing access to other services and facilities further afield without having to rely on private car use. There is a primary school within 500m and two further education facilities, seven GP surgeries, two hospitals, four art galleries and one library within 800m. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.35ha) it is considered likely that fewer opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites.. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is relatively small in size (0.35ha) and is proposed to deliver 25 houses which would make a small contribution to meeting the housing need identified. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	++?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a relatively small site (0.35ha) and on brownfield land. The site is within 800m of Hereford train station and a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, a significant positive uncertain effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	+?/--?	This site is within the Hereford Area of Archaeological Importance and also adjacent to the Hereford City Walls Scheduled Monument. The site is also within a Conservation Area but given that it is on brownfield land, the development of the site may have positive effects on the setting of the Conservation Area by bringing unused land back into use. A significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective as the site is within the Area of Archaeological Importance and adjacent to the Scheduled Monument, although this is uncertain as it depends on the design, scale and layout of the site which is currently unknown. This effect is mixed with a minor positive uncertain effect, recognising the potential benefits on the setting of the Conservation Area.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	+?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be adversely affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is relatively small (0.35ha) and on brownfield, therefore a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this

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		stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.35ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective..
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	+?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is relatively small (0.35ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	++	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of Hereford train station and a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will encourage public transport use. A significant positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is within 1km of the River Wye SAC and SSSI but does not contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. The site is not located within a GI enhancement zone or within a GI corridor. A minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the site.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	0	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis and is therefore assumed to be of low sensitivity. Furthermore it is also not located within a green infrastructure enhancement zone or a green infrastructure corridor. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	0	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is on brownfield land and outside a Flood Zone 3 area, therefore a negligible effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	++/--	The site is within 800m of Hereford train station, a number of bus stops and local cycle paths thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use. However the site is in close proximity to an AQMA and residents at the site would most likely use the A49 and A438 which are roads covered by the AQMA. The majority of this site is also within a moderate noise zone reflecting potential noise levels from the A848, and so a minor negative effect is given in relation to this element of the SA objective. Overall a mixed (significant positive and significant negative) effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil	+?	Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will

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quality and resources		<p>have a negative effect on preserving soil quality and will result in that land being lost to other uses. This site is on urban brownfield land.</p> <p>A minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.</p>

Cen28: Fire Station, St Owens Street

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	This site is within 500m of a primary school and within 1km of three further education facilities. However, the site is not located in close proximity to a secondary school. A minor positive effect is given, however this is uncertain as it is not known whether capacity exists to accommodate future residents of the site.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	This site is within 800m of seven GP surgeries and two hospitals. NCN route 44 and a number of other local cycle paths and Public Rights of Way are within 800m, as are a number of playing fields, sports facilities and other open space areas, thereby providing residents with opportunities to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. A significant positive effect is therefore given.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle routes providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. The site is not located within an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation . A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle routes which will encourage residents to use more sustainable modes of transport to access jobs, services and facilities and thereby potentially encouraging active travel which has benefits for health. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.

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made by public transport, cycling and walking		
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	This site is within 800m of a number of playing fields and sports facilities. There are also a number of bus stops and local cycle routes within this distance thereby providing access to other services and facilities further afield without having to rely on private car use. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. There is a primary school within 500m and two further education facilities, seven GP surgeries, two hospitals, three art galleries and one library within 800m. A minor positive effect is therefore given.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.22ha) it is considered likely that fewer opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites.. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is relatively small in size (0.22ha) and is proposed to deliver 15 houses which would make a small contribution to meeting the housing need identified. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a small site (0.22ha) and on brownfield land. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, a minor positive uncertain effect is given.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	+?/--?	This site is within the Hereford Area of Archaeological Importance. The site is also within a Conservation Area but given that it is on brownfield land, the development of the site may have positive effects on the setting of the Conservation Area by bringing unused land back into use. A significant negative effect is given as the site is within the Area of Archaeological Importance, although this is uncertain as it depends on the design, scale and layout of the site which is currently unknown. This effect is mixed with a minor positive uncertain effect, recognising the potential benefits on the setting of the Conservation Area.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	+?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be adversely affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is small (0.22ha) and on brownfield, therefore a minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.22ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.

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17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	+?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is small (0.22ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will encourage public transport use. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is within 1km of the River Wye SAC and SSSI but does not contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. The site is not located within a GI enhancement zone or within a GI corridor. A minor negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the site.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	0	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis and is therefore assumed to be of low sensitivity. Furthermore it is also not located within a green infrastructure enhancement zone or a green infrastructure corridor. A negligible effect is therefore given.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	0	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is on brownfield land and outside a Flood Zone 3 area, therefore a negligible effect is given.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+/--	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use. However the site is in close proximity to an AQMA and residents at the site would most likely use the A49 and A438 which are roads covered by the AQMA. Part of the site is also within an area whereby residents could be subject to significant levels of noise pollution from traffic on the A438, and so a significant negative effect is given in relation to this element of the SA objective. Overall a mixed (minor positive and significant negative) effect is given.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	+?	Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect on preserving soil quality and will result in that land being lost to other uses.

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		This site is on urban brownfield land. A minor positive effect is given, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.

Cen29: Wyebriidge Motors

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	This site is within 500m of a primary school and within 1km of two further education facilities. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a secondary school. A minor positive effect is given, however this is uncertain as it is not known whether capacity exists to accommodate future residents of the site.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	This site is within 800m of seven GP surgeries. NCN route 44 and a number of other local cycle paths and Public Rights of Way are within 800m, as are a number of playing fields, sports facilities and other open space areas, thereby providing residents with opportunities to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. A significant positive effect is therefore given.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle routes providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. The site is not located within an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation . A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle routes which will encourage residents to use more sustainable modes of transport to access jobs, services and facilities and thereby potentially encouraging active travel which has benefits for health. However, the site is not located

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increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking		within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	This site is within 800m of a number of playing fields and sports facilities. There are also a number of bus stops and local cycle routes within this distance thereby providing access to other services and facilities further afield without having to rely on private car use. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. There is a primary school within 500m and two further education facilities, seven GP surgeries, four art galleries, three village halls and one library within 800m. A minor positive effect is therefore given.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.14ha) it is considered likely that fewer opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is relatively small in size (0.14ha) and is proposed to deliver 10 houses which would make a small contribution to meeting the housing need identified. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a small site (0.14ha) and on brownfield land. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, a minor positive uncertain effect is given.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	+?/--?	This site is within the Hereford Area of Archaeological Importance. The site is also within a Conservation Area but given that it is on brownfield land, the development of the site may have positive effects on the setting of the Conservation Area by bringing unused land back into use. A significant negative effect is given as the site is within the Area of Archaeological Importance, although this is uncertain as it depends on the design, scale and layout of the site which is currently unknown. This effect is mixed with a minor positive uncertain effect, recognising the potential benefits on the setting of the Conservation Area.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	+?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be adversely affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is small (0.14ha) and on brownfield, therefore a minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.14ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is

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		expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	+?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is small (0.14ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will encourage public transport use. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	--?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is within 250m of the River Wye SAC and SSSI but does not contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. The site is not located within a GI enhancement zone or within a GI corridor. A significant negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the site.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	0	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis and is therefore assumed to be of low sensitivity. Furthermore it is also not located within a green infrastructure enhancement zone or a green infrastructure corridor. A negligible effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	--?	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is on brownfield land within a Flood Zone 3 area, therefore a significant negative uncertain effect is identified for this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+/--	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use. However the site is partly within an AQMA and residents at the site would most likely use the A49 and A438 which are roads covered by the AQMA. Part of the site is also within an area whereby residents could be subject to significant levels of noise pollution from traffic on the A438, and so a significant negative effect is given in relation to this element of the SA objective. Overall a mixed (minor positive and significant negative) effect is identified for this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil	+?	Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will

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quality and resources		<p>have a negative effect on preserving soil quality and will result in that land being lost to other uses. This site is on urban brownfield land.</p> <p>A minor positive effect is given, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.</p>

Cen30: Land at Symonds Street

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	This site is within 500m of a primary school and within 1km of two further education facilities. However, the site is not located within close proximity to a secondary school. A minor positive effect is given, however this is uncertain as it is not known whether capacity exists to accommodate future residents of the site.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	This site is within 800m of seven GP surgeries and two hospitals. NCN route 44 and a number of other local cycle paths and Public Rights of Way are within 800m, as are a number of playing fields, sports facilities and other open space areas, thereby providing residents with opportunities to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. A significant positive effect is therefore given.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	++	This site is within 800m of Hereford train station as well as a number of bus stops and local cycle routes providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. The site is not located within an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation . A significant positive effect is given.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys	++	The site is within 800m of Hereford train station, a number of bus stops and local cycle routes which will encourage residents to use more sustainable modes of transport to access jobs, services and facilities and thereby potentially encouraging active travel which has benefits for health. A significant positive effect is given.

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made by public transport, cycling and walking		
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	++	This site is within 800m of a number of playing fields and sports facilities. Within 800m is also Hereford train station, a number of bus stops and local cycle routes providing access to other services and facilities further afield without having to rely on private car use. There is a primary school within 500m and two further education facilities, seven GP surgeries, two hospitals, four art galleries and one library within 800m. A significant positive effect is therefore given.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.17ha) it is considered likely that fewer opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is relatively small in size (0.17ha) and is proposed to deliver 12 houses which would make a small contribution to meeting the housing need identified. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	++?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a small site (0.17ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a positive effect is expected in relation to this element of the SA objective, however this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site. The site is within 800m of Hereford train station, a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, an uncertain significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	+?/--?	This site is adjacent to the Hereford Area of Archaeological Importance and Herford City Walls Scheduled Monument. The site is also within a Conservation Area but given that it is on brownfield land, the development of the site may have positive effects on the setting of the Conservation Area by bringing unused land back into use. A significant negative effect is given as the site is adjacent to the Scheduled Monument, although this is uncertain as it depends on the design, scale and layout of the site which is currently unknown. This effect is mixed with a minor positive uncertain effect, recognising the potential benefits on the setting of the Conservation Area.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	+?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be adversely affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is small (0.17ha) and on brownfield, therefore a minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.17ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
		expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	+?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is small (0.17ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	++	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of Hereford train station, a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will encourage public transport use. A significant positive effect is given.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is within 1km of the River Wye SAC and SSSI but does not contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. The site is not located within a GI enhancement zone or within a GI corridor. A minor negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the site.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	0	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis and is therefore assumed to be of low sensitivity. Furthermore it is also not located within a green infrastructure enhancement zone or a green infrastructure corridor. A negligible effect is therefore given.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	0	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is on brownfield land and not within a Flood Zone 3 area, therefore a negligible effect is given.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	++/--	<p>The site is within 800m of Hereford train station, a number of bus stops and local cycle paths thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use. However the site is close proximity to an AQMA and residents at the site would most likely use the A49 and A438 which are roads covered by the AQMA.</p> <p>Part of the site is also within an area whereby residents could be subject to significant levels of noise pollution from traffic on the A438, and so a significant negative effect is given in relation to this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>Overall a mixed (significant positive and significant negative) effect is identified for this SA objective.</p>
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	+?	Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect on preserving soil quality and will result in that land being lost to other uses.

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		This site is on urban brownfield land. A minor positive effect is given, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.

Cen31: Land adjacent to Union Walk car park

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	This site is within 500m of a primary school and within 1km of three further education facilities. However, the site is not located within close proximity to a secondary school. A minor positive effect is given, however this is uncertain as it is not known whether capacity exists to accommodate future residents of the site.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	This site is within 800m of seven GP surgeries and two hospitals. NCN route 44 and a number of other local cycle paths and Public Rights of Way are within 800m, as are a number of playing fields, sports facilities and other open space areas, thereby providing residents with opportunities to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. A significant positive effect is therefore given.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	++	This site is within 800m of Hereford train station as well as a number of bus stops and local cycle routes providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. The site is not located within an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation . A significant positive effect is given.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and	++	The site is within 800m of Hereford train station, a number of bus stops and local cycle routes which will encourage residents to use more sustainable modes of transport to access jobs, services and facilities and thereby potentially encouraging active travel which has benefits for health. A significant positive effect is given.

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walking		
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	++	This site is within 800m of a number of playing fields and sports facilities. Within 800m is also Hereford train station, a number of bus stops and local cycle routes providing access to other services and facilities further afield without having to rely on private car use. There is a primary school within 500m and three further education facilities, seven GP surgeries, two hospitals, four art galleries and one library within 800m. A significant positive effect is therefore given.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.15ha) it is considered likely that fewer opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is relatively small in size (0.15ha) and is proposed to deliver 10 houses which would make a small contribution to meeting the housing need identified.. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	++?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a small site (0.15ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a positive effect is expected in relation to this element of the SA objective however this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site. The site is within 800m of Hereford train station, a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, an uncertain significant positive effect is given.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	+?/--?	This site is within the Hereford Area of Archaeological Importance. The site is also adjacent to a Conservation Area but given that it is on brownfield land, the development of the site may have positive effects on the setting of the Conservation Area by bringing unused land back into use. A significant negative effect is given as the site is within the Hereford Area of Archaeological Importance, although this is uncertain as it depends on the design, scale and layout of the site which is currently unknown. This effect is mixed with a minor positive uncertain effect, recognising the potential benefits on the setting of the Conservation Area.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	+?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be adversely affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is small (0.15ha) and on brownfield, therefore a minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.15ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.

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17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	+	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is small (0.15ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	++	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of Hereford train station, a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will encourage public transport use. A significant positive effect is given.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is within 1km of the River Wye SAC and SSSI but does not contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. The site is also located within a GI enhancement zone. A minor negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the site.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis and is therefore assumed to be of low sensitivity. However, it is located within a green infrastructure enhancement zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. A minor negative effect is therefore given.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	0	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is on brownfield land and not within a Flood Zone 3 area, therefore a negligible effect is given.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+/--	The site is within 800m of Hereford train station, a number of bus stops and local cycle paths thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use. However the site is close proximity to an AQMA and residents at the site would most likely use the A49 and A438 which are roads covered by the AQMA. This site is not at risk of noise levels associated by rail or road transport, therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the SA objective. Overall a mixed (significant positive and significant negative) effect is given.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	+	Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect on preserving soil quality and will result in that land being lost to other uses. This site is on urban brownfield land. A minor positive effect is given, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design of the

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		development and previous use of the site.

Cen32: Land between Bath Street and Gaol Street

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	This site is within 500m of a primary school and within 1km of two further education facilities. However, the site is not located within close proximity to a secondary school. A minor positive effect is given, however this is uncertain as it is not known whether capacity exists to accommodate future residents of the site.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	This site is within 800m of seven GP surgeries and two hospitals. NCN route 44 and a number of other local cycle paths and Public Rights of Way are within 800m, as are a number of playing fields, sports facilities and other open space areas, thereby providing residents with opportunities to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. A significant positive effect is therefore given.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	++	This site is within 800m of Hereford train station as well as a number of bus stops and local cycle routes providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. The site is not located within an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation . A significant positive effect is given.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	++	The site is within 800m of Hereford train station, a number of bus stops and local cycle routes which will encourage residents to use more sustainable modes of transport to access jobs, services and facilities and thereby potentially encouraging active travel which has benefits for health. A significant positive effect is given.
10: Improve equality of access to and	++	This site is within 800m of a number of playing fields and sports facilities. Within 800m is also Hereford

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engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all		train station, a number of bus stops and local cycle routes providing access to other services and facilities further afield without having to rely on private car use. There is a primary school within 500m and two further education facilities, seven GP surgeries, two hospitals, four art galleries and one library within 800m. A significant positive effect is therefore given.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.22ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.22ha) it is considered likely that the number of new homes that could be accommodated would be less than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	++?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a small site (0.22ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a positive effect is expected in relation to this element of the SA objective however this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site. The site is within 800m of Hereford train station, a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, an uncertain significant positive effect is given.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	+?/--?	This site is within the Hereford Area of Archaeological Importance. The site is also intersects with the Hereford City Wall Scheduled Monument. However, the site is within a Conservation Area but given that it is on brownfield land, the development of the site may have positive effects on the setting of the Conservation Area by bringing unused land back into use. A significant negative effect is given as the site is within the Hereford Area of Archaeological Importance and intersects with the Scheduled Monument, having potentially adverse effects on its setting. However, this is uncertain as it depends on the design, scale and layout of the site which is currently unknown. This effect is mixed with a minor positive uncertain effect, recognising the potential benefits on the setting of the Conservation Area.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	+?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is small (0.22ha) and on brownfield, therefore a minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.22ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is

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		expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	+?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is small (0.22ha) and on brownfield land, therefore A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	++	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of Hereford train station, a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will encourage public transport use. A significant positive effect is given.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is within 1km of the River Wye SAC and SSSI but does not contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. The site is not located within a GI corridor or a GI enhancement zone. A minor negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the site.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	0	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis and is therefore assumed to be of low sensitivity. The site is furthermore not located within a green infrastructure corridor or green infrastructure enhancement zone. A negligible effect is therefore given.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	0	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is on brownfield land and not within a Flood Zone 3 area, therefore a negligible effect is given.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	++/--	The site is within 800m of Hereford train station, a number of bus stops and local cycle paths thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use. However the site is close proximity to an AQMA and residents at the site would most likely use the A49 and A438 which are roads covered by the AQMA. This site is at risk of significant noise levels associated with traffic on the A438, therefore a significant negative is given for this element of the SA objective. Overall a mixed (significant positive and significant negative) effect is identified for this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	+?	Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect on

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		<p>preserving soil quality and will result in that land being lost to other uses. This site is on urban brownfield land.</p> <p>Overall, a minor positive effect is given, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.</p>

Cre25: Wyevale nurseries

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1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	--?	This site is not within 500m of a primary school or within 1km of secondary and further education facilities. A significant negative effect is given, however this is uncertain as it is not known whether capacity exists at the nearest schools to accommodate future residents of the site.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+	This site is not within 800m of a GP surgery or hospital. There are a number of local cycle paths and Public Rights of Way within 800m one of which crosses the southern part of the site. There is also one area of open space and a playing field within 800m, thereby providing residents with opportunities to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. A minor positive effect is therefore given.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle routes providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. However, the site is not located within close proximity to a railway station. The site is also not located within an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation . A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle routes which will encourage residents to use more sustainable modes of transport to access jobs, services and facilities and thereby potentially encouraging active travel which has benefits for health. However, the site is not located within close proximity to a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.

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walking		
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle routes providing access to other services and facilities further afield without having to rely on private car use. However, the site is not located within close proximity to a railway station. There is also one area of open space and a playing field within 800m. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	++	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively large in size (7.61ha) it is considered likely that more opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	++	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is relatively large in size (7.61ha) and is proposed to deliver 200 houses which would make a large contribution to meeting the housing need identified. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/--?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a relatively large site (7.6ha) and on mostly greenfield land, therefore a significant negative effect is expected in relation to this element of the SA objective, however this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive and uncertain significant negative) is given.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site is not located in, adjacent to or in close proximity to a designated or undesignated heritage asset and therefore a negligible effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	--?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be adversely affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is relatively large (7.6ha) and on mostly greenfield land, therefore a significant negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	--?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively large in size (7.61ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy	--?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings

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more efficiently		thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is relatively large (7.6ha) and on mostly greenfield land, therefore a significant negative effect is given. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development. The site is also within a minerals safeguarding area which contributes to the negative effect.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will encourage public transport use. The site is not located within close proximity to a . A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is not within close proximity to any national or internationally designated biodiversity sites and does not contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. The site however is located within a GI enhancement zone. A minor negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the site.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is in a landscape classed as having 'medium-low' sensitivity to change, therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the SA objective. The site is also within a green infrastructure enhancement zone, the purpose of which is to positively contribute to the character and distinctiveness of the landscape. Development here could lead to the fragmentation of these areas meaning a minor negative effect is expected in relation to this element of the SA objective. Whilst the overall effect negative effect is considered to be minor, it is uncertain given that new development may incorporate new areas of green infrastructure (particularly if they are large) which would have a positive effect on the landscape.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	-?	This residential site is located within a Source Protection Zone and as such its development presents a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. The effect is however uncertain until such time as the detailed design of development which comes forward at the site. An uncertain minor negative effect is therefore likely in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is mostly on greenfield land and not within a Flood Zone 3 area, and therefore a minor negative effect is given.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	The site is within 800m a number of bus stops and local cycle paths thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use. The site is not located within or in close proximity to an AQMA. Future residents of this site are not considered to be at risk of noise levels associated with traffic on the A438, therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the SA objective. Overall A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. This site is large (7.6ha) and on mostly greenfield land, therefore a

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		<p>significant negative uncertain effect is given for this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect in terms of preserving soil quality and will result in land being lost to other uses. This is a greenfield site on Grade 2 agricultural land, therefore a significant negative effect is given.</p> <p>Overall, a significant negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development.</p>

Hol12a: Land at Bullingham Lane

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	This site is not within 500m of a primary school but is within 1km of secondary school. A minor positive effect is given, however this is uncertain as it is not known whether capacity exists to accommodate future residents of the site.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+	This site is not within 800m of a GP surgery or hospital. There are a number of local cycle paths and Public Rights of Way within 800m. There is also a play space, a sports facility and a public park one within 800m, thereby providing residents with opportunities to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. A minor positive effect is therefore given.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle routes providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. The site is not located within close proximity to a . The site is also not located within an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation . A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle routes which will encourage residents to use more sustainable modes of transport to access jobs, services and facilities and thereby potentially encouraging active travel which has benefits for health. The site is not located within close

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increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking		proximity to a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle routes providing access to other services and facilities further afield without having to rely on private car use. The site is not located within close proximity to a railway station. There is also a play space, sports facility and public park within 800m, as well as a village hall. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	++	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively large in size (9.47ha) it is considered likely that more opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	++	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is relatively large in size (9.47ha) and is proposed to deliver 70 houses which would make a large contribution to meeting the housing need identified. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/--?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a relatively large site (9.47ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a significant negative effect is expected in relation to this element of the SA objective, however this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive and uncertain significant negative) is given.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site is not located in, adjacent to or in close proximity to a designated or undesignated heritage asset and therefore a negligible effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	--?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be adversely affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is relatively large (9.47ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a significant negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	--?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively large in size (9.47ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.

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17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	--?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is relatively large (9.47ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a significant negative effect is given. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development. The site is also partly within a minerals safeguarding area which contributes to the negative effect.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will encourage public transport use. The site is not located within close proximity to a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is not within close proximity to any national or internationally designated biodiversity sites and does not contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. The site however is located within a GI enhancement zone. A minor negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the site.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is in a landscape classed as having 'high-medium' sensitivity to change, therefore a minor negative effect is given for this element of the SA objective. The site is also within a green infrastructure enhancement zone, the purpose of which is to positively contribute to the character and distinctiveness of the landscape. Development here could lead to the fragmentation of these areas. An overall minor negative effect is given, however this is uncertain given that new development may incorporate new areas of green infrastructure (particularly if they are large) which would have a positive effect on the landscape.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	--	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is on greenfield land and partly within a Flood Zone 3 area towards its southern boundary, and a significant negative effect is identified for this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+/-	The site is within 800m a number of bus stops and local cycle paths thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use. The site is not located within or in close proximity to an AQMA. Future residents of this site will potentially be at risk of moderate noise levels associated with traffic on the A49, therefore a minor negative effect is given for this element of the SA objective. Overall a mixed effect (minor positive and minor negative) is identified for this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. This site is relatively large (9.47ha) and on greenfield land, therefore

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		<p>a significant negative uncertain effect is given for this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect on preserving soil quality and will result in land being lost to other uses. This is a greenfield site on Grade 2 agricultural land, although the western part of the site is on Grade 3b land.</p> <p>Overall, a significant negative uncertain effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development.</p>

Hol12b: Land East of Bullingham Lane

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1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	The site is within 1km of the Hereford Academy. Therefore, a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective. Effects are uncertain as they depend on there being capacity at this education facility to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+	<p>The site is within 800m of a local cycle network connecting to a national cycle network to the north of the site boundary. There are also a number of public rights of way within 800m of the site. It is also within 800m of several areas of open spaces, the nearest being areas of safeguarded open space and play space situated north of the site. However there are no GPs or hospitals within 800m of the site.</p> <p>A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective as residents may be encouraged by the close proximity of public rights of way and cycle paths to undertake journeys on foot or by bicycle and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.</p>
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	<p>The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, two national cycle networks and numerous local cycle paths which will enable residents to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. The site is not located with close proximity of a railway station.</p> <p>The site is not situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation.</p> <p>Overall, a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.</p>

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9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local and national cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. The site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, local and national cycle paths and open spaces. The site is also within 800m of Saxon Community Hall. A minor positive effect is identified as housing sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to access these facilities. Good public transport links will also be beneficial as they will enable residents to reach services and facilities that are further away without having to rely on the use of private cars.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	++	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is large (12.3ha), it is assumed that more opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	++	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is large (12.3ha) and is expected to accommodate 190 dwellings which will make a large contribution to meeting the housing need identified. The positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is likely to be significant.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	--?/+	The site comprises greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is large in size (12.3ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects will be uncertain depending on the design of the development which is not known at this stage. The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the negative effect expected is likely to be combined with a minor positive effect.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site is not located in, adjacent to or in close proximity to a designated or undesignated heritage asset and therefore a negligible effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	--?	The site is large in size (12.3ha) located on greenfield land and its development may adversely impact upon the character of the surrounding area. A significant negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable	--?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste

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materials and encourage recycling		generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is large in size (12.3ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	--?	<p>The site is large in size (12.3ha) located on greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources give that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.</p> <p>The site does not intersect with and is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore will not sterilise mineral resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County.</p> <p>Overall, an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is located within 1km of the River Wye which has been designated as a SSSI and SAC and is also within 250m of a number of SINCS. It is also within a Green Infrastructure Corridor and Enhancement Zone (according to the Green Infrastructure Strategy). Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is within an area classified as having medium to low sensitivity in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis. It is also located in a Green Infrastructure Corridor and within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of the corridor thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	--	<p>The site is located on greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County and parts of the site are within Flood Zone 3, however <50% of the site is within the flood zone.</p> <p>A significant negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of

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		<p>a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor.</p> <p>The site is not at risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways and therefore will have a negligible effect on this element of the SA objective</p> <p>Overall a minor positive effect is expected for this SA objective.</p>
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	The site is large and comprises greenfield land which is classed as Grade 1 best & most versatile agricultural land according to the Post 1988 Agricultural Land Classification. The east of the site is classed as Grade 3b agricultural land. The site is also large and made up of greenfield land. An overall uncertain significant negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.

Hol13: Grafton Lane

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	++?	The site is within 500m of Marlbrook Primary School and within 1km of Hereford Academy. Therefore, an uncertain significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective. Effects are uncertain as they depend on there being capacity at those education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	<p>The site is within 800m of Hillside Hospital. It is also within 800m of several areas of open spaces, the nearest being an area of safeguarded open space situated north of the site and public park to the north west.</p> <p>There is also a local cycle network route that runs through the site on Grafton Lane as well as good local and national cycle routes and public rights of way connectivity to the north, east and west of the site.</p> <p>A significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective as residents will have good access to healthcare facilities and may be encouraged by the close proximity of public rights of way and cycle paths to undertake journeys on foot or by bicycle and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.</p>
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.

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7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and cycle routes providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. The site is not within 800m of the railway station. The site is not situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation . Overall, a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local and national cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. The site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, local and national cycle paths and open spaces. The site is also within 800m of The Hereford Academy, Hillside Hospital, Marlbrook Primary School, and Redhill Residents Association Hall. A minor positive effect is identified as housing sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to access these facilities. Good public transport links will also be beneficial as they will enable residents to reach services and facilities that are further away without having to rely on the use of private cars.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	++	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is large (34.5ha) it is expected that more opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	++	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is large (34.5ha) and is expected to accommodate 155 dwellings which will make a large contribution towards meeting housing needs; therefore the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is likely to be significant.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	--?/+	The site comprises greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is large in size (34.5ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects will be uncertain depending on the design of the development which is not known at this stage. The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the negative effect expected is likely to be combined with a minor positive effect.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's		The site is not located in, adjacent to or in close proximity to a designated or undesignated heritage

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historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	asset and therefore a negligible effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	--?	The site is large in size (34.5ha) located on greenfield land and its development may adversely impact upon the character of the surrounding area. A significant negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	--?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is large (34.5ha), an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	--?	<p>The site is large in size (34.5ha) located on greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources give that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage</p> <p>The site intersects with a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the County.</p> <p>Overall, an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is not located within 1km of a nationally or internationally designated biodiversity site. Furthermore it does not contain any locally designated sites, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. However it is located in a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone (according to the Green Infrastructure Strategy). Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is within an area classified as high-medium sensitivity in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis. The site is also located in a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater

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water		sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County therefore increasing overall flood risk. The site is not within a Flood Zone and therefore a minor negative effect is expected.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	--/+	The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor. The site intersects both a moderate and high noise zone around Ross Road. Therefore a significant negative effect is expected in relation to noise. Overall a mixed minor positive and significant negative effect is expected
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	The site is a large site and comprises greenfield land which is classed as Grade 2 agricultural land according to the Agricultural Land Classification. An overall uncertain significant negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.

Hol14: Grafton Haulage

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1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	The site is within 1km of Hereford Academy. Therefore, an uncertain minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective. Effects are uncertain as they depend on there being capacity at those education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+	The site is not within 800m of a healthcare facility however it is within 800m of open space, public rights of way and local cycle paths. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective as residents may be encouraged by the close proximity of public paths and cycle paths to undertake journeys on foot or by bicycle and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.

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anti-social behaviour in the county		
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and cycle routes providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. The site is not within 800m of the railway station. The site is not situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation . Overall, a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local and national cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. The site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, local and national cycle paths and open spaces. The site is also within 800m of The Hereford Academy and Redhill Residents Association Hall. A minor positive effect is identified as housing sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to access these facilities. Good public transport links will also be beneficial as they will enable residents to reach services and facilities that are further away without having to rely on the use of private cars.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is small (0.85ha), fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is small (0.85ha) and would accommodate 25 dwellings which will be a small contribution to housing needs, a minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+?	The majority of the site is on brownfield land. Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. Effects will be uncertain depending on the design of the development and previous land use which is not known at this stage. The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall an uncertain minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site is not located in, adjacent to or in close proximity to a designated or undesignated heritage asset and therefore a negligible effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.

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15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	+?	The site is small (0.85ha) and comprises mostly brownfield land, therefore an uncertain minor positive effect is expected. Where sites are on brownfield land there may be particularly good opportunities for improving the appearance of the built environment by replacing older and possibly derelict buildings with high quality new development. However, this is uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance of the development in comparison to what was on the site previously.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is small (0.85ha), an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	+?/-	<p>The site is small (0.85ha) and comprises mostly brownfield land, therefore an uncertain minor positive effect is expected. Where sites are on brownfield land there may be particularly good opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage</p> <p>However the site intersects with a Mineral Safeguarding area and therefore may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the County.</p> <p>Overall a mixed minor positive uncertain and minor negative effect is expected.</p>
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is not located within 1km of a nationally or internationally designated biodiversity site. Furthermore it does not contain any locally designated sites, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. However it is located in a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone (according to the Green Infrastructure Strategy). Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is within an area classified as high-medium sensitivity in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis. The site is also located in a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the	0	The site is located on mostly brownfield land outside Flood Zone 3, therefore a negligible effect is

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resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment		given.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+/-	<p>The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor.</p> <p>The site intersects a moderate noise zone around Ross Road. Therefore a minor negative effect is expected in relation to noise.</p> <p>Overall a mixed minor positive and minor negative effect is expected.</p>
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	The site is a large site and comprises greenfield land which is classed as Grade 2 agricultural land according to the Agricultural Land Classification. An overall uncertain significant negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.

Stm01: Land north of Redhill Cottages

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1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	The site is within 1km of Hereford Academy. Therefore, an uncertain minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective. Effects are uncertain as they depend on there being capacity at those education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+	The site is not within 800m of a healthcare facility however it is within 800m of open space, public rights of way and cycle paths. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective as residents may be encouraged by the close proximity of public paths and cycle paths to undertake journeys on foot or by bicycle and to be active in sports facilities or open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and cycle routes providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. The site is not within 800m of the railway station. The site is

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most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county		not situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. Overall, a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local and national cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. The site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, local and national cycle paths and open spaces. The site is also within 800m of The Hereford Academy, Saxon Community Hall and Redhill Residents Association Hall. A minor positive effect is identified as housing sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to access these facilities. Good public transport links will also be beneficial as they will enable residents to reach services and facilities that are further away without having to rely on the use of private cars.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	++	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is large (6.4ha), more opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	++	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is large (6.4ha) and expected to accommodate 125 dwellings which will be a large contribution to housing need. Therefore the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is likely to be significant.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	--?/+	The site comprises greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is large in size (6.4ha) a significant negative uncertain effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain depending on the design of the development which is not known at this stage. The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the significant negative effect expected is combined with a minor positive effect.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site is not located in, adjacent to or in close proximity to a designated or undesignated heritage asset and therefore a negligible effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and		The site is large in size (6.4ha) located on greenfield land and its development may adversely impact upon the character of the surrounding area. A significant negative effect is therefore expected in

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neighbourhoods	--?	relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	--?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is large (6.4ha), an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	--?	<p>The site is large in size (34.5ha) located on greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources give that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage</p> <p>The site intersects with a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the County.</p> <p>Overall, an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is not located within 1km of a nationally or internationally designated biodiversity site. Furthermore it does not contain any locally designated sites, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. However it is located in a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone (according to the Green Infrastructure Strategy). Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is within an area classified as high-medium sensitivity in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis. The site is also located in a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County therefore increasing overall flood risk. The site is not within a Flood Zone 3 area therefore a minor negative effect is expected.

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23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	--/+	<p>The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor.</p> <p>The site intersects a high noise zone around Ross Road. Therefore a significant negative effect is expected in relation to noise.</p> <p>Overall a mixed minor positive and significant negative effect is expected.</p>
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	<p>The site is large and comprises greenfield land which is classed as Grade 2 agricultural land according to the Agricultural Land Classification. An overall uncertain significant negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.</p>

Stm05: Land opposite Leys Farm

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1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	<p>All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	<p>A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.</p>
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	<p>A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.</p>
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	<p>The site is within 1km of Hereford Academy. Therefore, an uncertain minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective. Effects are uncertain as they depend on there being capacity at those education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.</p>
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+	<p>The site is not within 800m of a healthcare facility however it is within 800m of open space and public rights of way and cycle paths. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective as residents may be encouraged by the close proximity of public paths and cycle paths to undertake journeys on foot or by bicycle and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.</p>
6: Improve public realm	0	<p>A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.</p>
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	<p>A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.</p>
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	<p>The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and cycle routes providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. The site is not within 800m of the railway station. The site is not situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. Overall, a minor positive effect is identified for this SA</p>

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		objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local and national cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. The site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, local and national cycle paths and open spaces. The site is also within 800m of The Hereford Academy and Redhill Residents Association Hall. A minor positive effect is identified as housing sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to access these facilities. Good public transport links will also be beneficial as they will enable residents to reach services and facilities that are further away without having to rely on the use of private cars.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is small (2.5ha) it is considered likely that less opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is small (2.5ha) and is expected to accommodate 65 dwellings which will be a small contribution to meeting housing needs. Therefore the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is likely to be minor.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	-?/+	The site comprises greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is small in size (2.5ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects will be uncertain depending on the design of the development which is not known at this stage. The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the negative effect expected is combined with a minor positive effect.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	-?	The site is located adjacent to a large Listed Building - Grafton Lodge which could be adversely affected in terms of its setting, therefore there is an uncertain minor negative effect expected as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	-?	The site comprises greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is small in size (2.5ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.

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16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is small (2.5ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	-?	The site is small in size (2.5ha) located on greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources given that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. The site does not intersect with and is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore will not sterilise mineral resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County. Overall, an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is not located within 1km of a nationally or internationally designated biodiversity site. Furthermore it does not contain any locally designated sites, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. However it is located in a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone (according to the Green Infrastructure Strategy). Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is within an area classified as high-medium sensitivity in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis. The site is also located in a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County therefore increasing overall flood risk. The site is not within a Flood Zone 3 area therefore a minor negative effect is expected.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of

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		<p>a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor.</p> <p>The site is not at risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways and therefore will have a negligible effect on this element of the SA objective</p> <p>Overall a minor positive effect is expected for this SA objective.</p>
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	<p>Although the site is classed as small (<5ha) it comprises greenfield land which is classed as Grade 2 agricultural land according to the Agricultural Land Classification. An overall uncertain significant negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.</p>

Stm17: Land to rear of Grafton House

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	The site is within 1km of Hereford Academy. Therefore, an uncertain minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective. Effects are uncertain as they depend on there being capacity at those education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+	The site is not within 800m of a healthcare facility however it is within 800m of open space and public rights of way and cycle paths. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective as residents may be encouraged by the close proximity of public paths and cycle paths to undertake journeys on foot or by bicycle and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and cycle routes providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. The site is not within 800m of the railway station. The site is not situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation . Overall, a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.

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9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local and national cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. The site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, local and national cycle paths and open spaces. The site is also within 800m of The Hereford Academy and Redhill Residents Association Hall. A minor positive effect is identified as housing sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to access these facilities. Good public transport links will also be beneficial as they will enable residents to reach services and facilities that are further away without having to rely on the use of private cars.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is small (1.9ha), fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is small (1.9ha) and would accommodate 50 dwellings, which will be a small contribution to housing needs, a minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	-?/+	The site comprises greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is small in size (1.9ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects will be uncertain depending on the design of the development which is not known at this stage. The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the negative effect expected is combined with a minor positive effect.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site is not located in, adjacent to or in close proximity to a designated or undesignated heritage asset and therefore a negligible effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	-?	The site comprises greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is small in size (1.9ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste

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materials and encourage recycling		generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is small (1.9ha), an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	-?	The site is small in size (1.9ha) located on greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources given that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. The site does not intersect with and is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore will not sterilise mineral resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County. Overall, an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is not located within 1km of a nationally or internationally designated biodiversity site. Furthermore it does not contain any locally designated sites, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. However it is located in a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone (according to the Green Infrastructure Strategy). Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is within an area classified as high-medium sensitivity in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis. The site is also located in a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County therefore increasing overall flood risk. The site is not within a Flood Zone 3 area therefore a minor negative effect is expected.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor. The site is not at risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways and therefore will have

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		a negligible effect on this element of the SA objective Overall a minor positive effect is expected for this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	Although the site is classed as small (<5ha) it comprises greenfield land which is classed as Grade 2 agricultural land according to the Agricultural Land Classification. An overall uncertain significant negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.

Stn05: Former health authority offices

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	++?	The site is within 1km of Hereford Cathedral School, the Robert Owen Academy, and within 500m of Lord Scudamore Primary School. Therefore, a significant positive uncertain effect is identified for this SA objective. Effects are uncertain as they depend on there being capacity at those education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	This site is within 800m of four GP surgeries, a number of cycle paths and public rights of way, an area of safeguarded open space and playing fields to the south. A significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective as residents will have good access to healthcare facilities and may be encouraged by the close proximity of public paths and cycle paths to undertake journeys on foot or by bicycle and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and cycle routes. The site is not within 800m of the railway station. The site is not situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation . Overall, a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local and national cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. The site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. Therefore a minor

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walking		positive effect is expected.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, local and national cycle paths, but not a train station. The site is also within 500m of a primary school, 1km of two high schools, and within 800m of a number of GPs. The site is also within 800m of services and facilities including open space, art galleries, community halls and a library. A minor positive effect is identified as housing sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to access these facilities. Good public transport links will also be beneficial as they will enable residents to reach services and facilities that are further away without having to rely on the use of private cars.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is small (0.35ha), fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is small (0.35ha) and would accommodate 25 dwellings which is a small contribution to housing need, a minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+?	The site is located on brownfield land and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, local and national cycle paths. It is not located within 800m of a railway station. Therefore an uncertain minor positive effect is expected as sites which are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport are expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. Effects are uncertain depending on the design of the development and the previous use of the site.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	+?	The site is on brownfield land within a Conservation Area. A minor positive effect is expected as bringing brownfield land back into use could have benefits for the setting and character of the Conservation Area. Effects are uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	+?	The site is small and comprises brownfield. An uncertain minor positive effect is expected. Where sites are on brownfield land there may be particularly good opportunities for improving the appearance of the built environment by replacing older and possibly derelict buildings with high quality new development. However, this is uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance of the development in comparison to what was on the site previously.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this

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		stage. As this residential site is small (0.35ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	+?	The site is small (0.35ha) located on brownfield land and does not intersect with a minerals safeguarding area. Therefore an uncertain minor positive effect is expected. The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. Effects are uncertain depending on the design of the development and the previous use of the site.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is located within 1km of the River Wye which has been designated as a SSSI and SAC. It is also within a Green Infrastructure Corridor (according to the Green Infrastructure Strategy). Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis and it is assumed to be of low sensitivity. The site is however located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	0	The site is located on brownfield land outside of Flood Zone 3. New development on brownfield land will not necessarily increase the area of impermeable surfaces therefore increasing flood risk. Therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is expected.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	--/+	<p>The site is within an AQMA. All new development in AQMAs (regardless of the use specified) has the potential to aggravate local air quality in terms of a resultant increased number of journeys during the construction and operational phases thereby compounding existing air quality problems. Therefore a significant negative effect is expected.</p> <p>The site is located within 800m of a number of bus stops, cycle paths and PRoW. The location of new sites can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking.</p> <p>The site intersects high noise zone around Eign Street. Therefore a significant negative effect is expected in relation to noise.</p>

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		Overall a mixed significant negative and minor positive effect is expected.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	+?	The site on brownfield land and is not located on Grade 1, 2 or 3 agricultural land. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. Therefore a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain depending on the design of the development and the previous use of the site.

Stn21: Former bus depot, Friar Street

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1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	++?	The site is within 1km of Hereford Cathedral School, the Robert Owen Academy, and within 500m of Lord Scudamore Primary School. Therefore, an uncertain significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective. Effects are uncertain as they depend on there being capacity at those education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	This site is within 800m of five GP surgeries, a number of cycle paths and public rights of way, an area of safeguarded open space to the north west and playing fields to the south west. A significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective as residents will have good access to healthcare facilities and may be encouraged by the close proximity of public paths and cycle paths to undertake journeys on foot or by bicycle and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and cycle routes. The site is not within 800m of the railway station. The site is not situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation . Overall, a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local and national cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. The site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. Therefore a minor positive effect is expected.

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10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, local and national cycle paths, but not a train station. The site is also within 500m of a primary school, 1km of two high schools and 800m of five GPs. The site is also within 800m of services and facilities including open space, art galleries, community halls and a library. A minor positive effect is identified as housing sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to access these facilities. Good public transport links will also be beneficial as they will enable residents to reach services and facilities that are further away without having to rely on the use of private cars.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is small (0.49ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is small (0.49ha) and would accommodate 35 dwellings which would be a small contribution to housing needs, a minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+?	The site is located on brownfield land and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, local and national cycle paths. It is not located within 800m of a railway station. Therefore an uncertain minor positive effect is expected. Sites which are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport are expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. Effects are uncertain depending on the design of the development and the previous use of the site.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	-?	The site is adjacent to the Hereford Area of Archaeological Importance therefore an uncertain minor negative effect is expected. All effects are uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	+?	Where sites are on brownfield land there may be particularly good opportunities for improving the appearance of the built environment by replacing older and possibly derelict buildings with high quality new development. However, this is uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance of the development in comparison to what was on the site previously. The site is small and on brownfield land. An uncertain minor positive effect is expected.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is small (0.49ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.

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17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	+?	The site is located on brownfield land and does not intersect with a minerals safeguarding area. Therefore an uncertain minor positive effect is expected. The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. Effects are uncertain depending on the design of the development and the previous use of the site.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is located within 1km of the River Wye which has been designated as a SSSI and SAC. It is also within a Green Infrastructure Corridor (according to the Green Infrastructure Strategy). Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis and it is assumed to be of low sensitivity. The site is however located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	0	The site is located on brownfield land outside of Flood Zone 3. New development on brownfield land will not necessarily increase the area of impermeable surfaces therefore increasing flood risk. Therefore a negligible effect on flood risk is expected.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor. The site is not at risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways and therefore will have a negligible effect on this element of the SA objective Overall a minor positive effect is expected for this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	+?	The site on brownfield land and is not located on Grade 1, 2 or 3 agricultural land. Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. Therefore a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain depending on the design of the development and the previous use of the site.

Thr19: Land adjacent to Wyevale

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1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	--?	The site is located further than 1km from a secondary school/further education facility and further than 500m from a primary school. A significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective, as there are no schools close to the site. However, this is uncertain as it is not known whether the nearest schools to the site have capacity to accommodate new pupils.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+	The site is located within 800m of public rights of way and cycle paths. However it is not located in close proximity to healthcare facilities or areas of open space/sports and recreation. A minor positive effect is identified because residents may be encouraged by the close proximity of PRowS and cycle paths to undertake journeys on foot or by bicycle and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and cycle routes. The site is not within 800m of the railway station. The site is not situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation although it is adjacent to one such area. Overall, a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local and national cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. The site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. Therefore a minor positive effect is expected.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is located within 800m of two sustainable transport links (bus stops and cycle paths). Good public transport links will be beneficial as they will enable residents to reach services and facilities that are further away without having to rely on the use of private cars. The site is further than 800m from community services/facilities. A minor positive effect is expected.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	++	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is large (11.75ha) it is considered likely that more opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.

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12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	++	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is large (11.75ha) and expected to accommodate 260 dwellings which will be a large contribution to housing need. Therefore the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is likely to be significant.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	--?/+	<p>Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. Effects are uncertain depending on the design of the development which is not known at this stage. This site is large (11.75ha) and is situated on mostly greenfield land. An uncertain significant negative effect is therefore expected.</p> <p>The site is located within 800m of two sustainable transport links (bus stops and cycle paths). Sites which are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport are expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Therefore a minor positive effect is expected with regard to transport.</p> <p>Overall a significant negative uncertain and minor positive mixed effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site is not located in, adjacent to or in close proximity to a designated or undesignated heritage asset and therefore a negligible effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	--?	The site is large (11.75ha) and is located on mostly greenfield land. The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. However, effects are uncertain depending on the design of the development and the contribution the land makes to the local distinctiveness and setting of an area. An uncertain significant negative effect is therefore expected.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	--?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is large (11.75ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	--?	<p>The site is large in size (11.75ha) located on greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources given that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage</p> <p>The site intersects with a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the County. This contributes to the negative effect given.</p> <p>Overall, an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its	+	The site is within 800m of bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the

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contribution to the problem		amount of greenhouse gas emissions. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site contains a SINC in its north west corner, and is also located within a Green Infrastructure Corridor and a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone (according to the Green Infrastructure Strategy). Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is located within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis as having 'medium-low' sensitivity. The site is however located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	-?	This residential site is located within a Source Protection Zone and as such its development presents a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. The effect is however uncertain until such time as the detailed design of development which comes forward at the site is known. An uncertain minor negative effect is therefore likely in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on mostly greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County therefore increasing overall flood risk. The site is not within a Flood Zone 3 area therefore a minor negative effect is expected.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	--/+	The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of bus stops and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor. The site partly intersects a high noise zone around the A438. Therefore a significant negative effect is expected in relation to noise. Overall a mixed minor positive and significant negative effect is expected.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	The site is large and comprises greenfield land which is classed as Grade 2 agricultural land according to the Agricultural Land Classification. An overall uncertain significant negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.

Thr21: Land west of Huntington Lane

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1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	The site is within 1km of Whitecross High School. A minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain and will depend on there being capacity to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+	The site is located within 800m of public rights of way, cycle paths, bus stops and open recreation space (playing fields and play space). However it is not located in close proximity to healthcare facilities. A minor positive effect is identified because residents may be encouraged by the close proximity of public paths and cycle paths to undertake journeys on foot or by bicycle and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and cycle routes. The site is not within 800m of the railway station. The site is not situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation although it is adjacent to one such area. Overall, a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. The site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. Therefore a minor positive effect is expected.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of bus stops and local cycle paths. The site is also within 1km of a high school and within 800m of open space playing fields and play space. A minor positive effect is identified as housing sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents will be more easily able to access these facilities. Good public transport links will also be beneficial as they will enable residents to reach services and facilities that are further away without having to rely on the use of private cars.

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11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is small (2.86ha) it is considered likely that less opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is small (2.86ha) and expected to accommodate 75 dwellings which will be a small contribution to housing needs. Therefore the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is likely to be minor.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	-?/+	<p>The site comprises greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is small in size (2.86ha) a minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain, however, and dependent on the design of the development which is not known at this stage.</p> <p>The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel by car thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the minor negative uncertain effect is combined with a minor positive effect.</p>
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site is not located in, adjacent to or in close proximity to a designated or undesignated heritage asset and therefore a negligible effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	-?	The site is small (2.86ha) and is located on greenfield land. The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. However, effects are uncertain depending on the design of the development and the contribution the land makes to the local distinctiveness and setting of an area. A minor negative uncertain effect is therefore expected.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is small (2.86ha), an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	-?	<p>The site is small in size (2.86ha) located on greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources given that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage</p> <p>The site intersects with a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the County. This contributes to the negative effect given.</p>

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		Overall, an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is not located within 1km of a nationally or internationally designated biodiversity site. Furthermore it does not contain any locally designated sites, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. However it is located in a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone (according to the Green Infrastructure Strategy). Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is located mostly within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis as having 'medium-low' sensitivity. The site is however located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	-?	This residential site is located within a Source Protection Zone and as such its development presents a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. The effect is uncertain until such time as the detailed design of development which comes forward at the site is known. An uncertain minor negative effect is therefore likely in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County therefore increasing overall flood risk. The site is not within a Flood Zone 3 area therefore a minor negative effect is expected.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	-/+	The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of bus stops and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor. The site partly intersects a moderate noise zone around the A438. Therefore a minor negative effect is expected in relation to noise. Overall a mixed minor positive and minor negative effect is expected.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	The site is large and comprises greenfield land which is classed as Grade 2 agricultural land according to the Agricultural Land Classification. An overall uncertain significant negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.

Thr22: Land east of Huntington Lane

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1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	This site is not within 500m of a primary school but is within 1km of secondary school. A minor positive effect is given, however this is uncertain as it is not known whether capacity exists to accommodate future residents of the site.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+	This site is not within 800m of a GP surgery or hospital. There are a number of local cycle paths and Public Rights of Way within 800m. There is also play space, a sports facility and two playing fields within 800m, thereby providing residents with opportunities to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. A minor positive effect is therefore given.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle routes providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. The site is not located within close proximity to a railway station. The site is also not located within an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle routes which will encourage residents to use more sustainable modes of transport to access jobs, services and facilities and thereby potentially encouraging active travel which has benefits for health. The site is not located within close proximity to a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle routes providing access to other services and facilities further afield without having to rely on private car use. The site is not located within close proximity. There is also a secondary school, play space, sports facility and public park within 800m. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
11: Improve access to services and	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision

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facilities		of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (1.36ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is relatively small in size (1.36ha) and is proposed to deliver 35 houses which would make a small contribution to meeting the housing need identified. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/-?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a small site (1.36ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative effect is expected in relation to this element of the SA objective, however this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive and uncertain minor negative) is given.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site is not located in, adjacent to or in close proximity to a designated or undesignated heritage asset and therefore a negligible effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	-?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be adversely affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is relatively small (1.36ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (1.36ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	-?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is relatively small (1.36ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative effect is given. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development. The site is also within a minerals safeguarding area which contributes to the negative effect.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will encourage public transport use. The site is not located within close proximity to a . A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is not within 1km of an international or national

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		designation and does not contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. The site however is located within a GI enhancement zone, and therefore a minor negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the site.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is in a landscape classed as having 'medium-low' sensitivity to change. The site is also within a green infrastructure enhancement zone, the purpose of which is to positively contribute to the character and distinctiveness of the landscape. Development here could lead to the fragmentation of these areas. An overall minor negative effect is given, however this is uncertain given that new development may incorporate new areas of green infrastructure which would have a positive effect on the landscape.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	-?	This residential site is located within a Source Protection Zone and as such its development presents a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. The effect is however uncertain until such time as the detailed design of development which comes forward at the site is known. An uncertain minor negative effect is therefore likely in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is on greenfield land but not in a Flood Zone 3 area, therefore a minor negative effect is given.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	The site is within 800m a number of bus stops and local cycle paths thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use. The site is not located within or in close proximity to an AQMA. Future residents of this site are not considered to be at risk of noise levels associated with road traffic, therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the SA objective. Overall A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. This site is small (1.36ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative uncertain effect is given for this element of the SA objective. Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect on preserving soil quality and will result in land being lost to other uses. This is a greenfield site on Grade 2 agricultural land, therefore a significant negative effect is given, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design of the development.

Thr23: Land north of Lower Hill Farm

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.

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enable a sustainable economy and continued investment		
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	This site is not within 500m of a primary school but is within 1km of secondary school. A minor positive effect is given, however this is uncertain as it is not known whether capacity exists to accommodate future residents of the site.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++/-?	The majority of the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. There are a number of local cycle paths and Public Rights of Way within 800m as well as NCN route 46. Within 800m, there are a number of open spaces, including playing fields, public park and allotments, thereby providing residents with opportunities to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. However, the site also contains allotments and extends into a cemetery, both of which could be lost to development or incorporated into the design of the development, further promoting physical exercise. Overall, a mixed effect (significant positive and minor negative uncertain) is given.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle routes and NCN route 46 providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. The site is not located within close proximity to a . The site is also not located within an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation . A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle routes and NCN route 46 which will encourage residents to use more sustainable modes of transport to access jobs, services and facilities and thereby potentially encouraging active travel which has benefits for health. The site is not located within close proximity to a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle routes and NCN route 46 providing access to other services and facilities further afield without having to rely on private car use. The site is not located within close proximity to a . There are a number of open spaces, including playing fields, public park and allotments, as well as a secondary school, two museums and a village hall within 800m. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	++	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively large in size (64.85ha)it is considered likely that more opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality,	++	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either

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affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments		onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is relatively large in size (64.85ha) and is proposed to deliver 420 houses which would make a large contribution to meeting the housing need identified. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/--?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is quite a large site (64.85ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a significant negative effect is expected in relation to this element of the SA objective, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 46 which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive and uncertain significant negative) is given.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	-?	This site is adjacent to Broomy Hill Conservation Area and on greenfield land. A minor negative uncertain effect is given as developing greenfield land could have adverse effects on the setting of the Conservation Area, however this is uncertain and dependent on the development's design, scale and layout which is not yet known.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	--?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be adversely affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is quite large (64.85ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a significant negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	--?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively large in size (64.85ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	--?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is quite large (64.85ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a significant negative effect is given. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development. The site is also partly within a minerals safeguarding area, contributing to the negative effect.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 46 which will encourage public transport use. The site is not located within close proximity to a . A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is within 1km of the River Wye SAC and SSSI and also contains a small SINC which could potentially be lost or enhanced through mitigation, although this is uncertain at this stage. The site is also mostly within a green infrastructure corridor and green infrastructure enhancement zone. Overall, a minor negative uncertain effect is given.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of	--?	The site is in a landscape classed as having both a 'high' and 'high-medium' sensitivity to change. The site is also mostly within a green infrastructure enhancement zone and green infrastructure corridor, the purpose of

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Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces		which is to positively contribute to the character and distinctiveness of the landscape. Development here could lead to the fragmentation of these areas. An overall significant negative effect is given, however this is uncertain given that new development may incorporate new areas of green infrastructure (particularly if they are large) which would have a positive effect on the landscape.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	-?	This residential site is located within a Source Protection Zone and as such its development presents a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. The effect is however uncertain until such time as the detailed design of development which comes forward at the site is known. An uncertain minor negative effect is therefore likely in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is on greenfield land but not in a Flood Zone 3 area, therefore a minor negative effect is given.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	The site is within 800m a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 46 thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use. The site is not located within or in close proximity to an AQMA. Away from a small area towards the sites north western corner, future residents of this site are not considered to be at risk of noise levels associated with road traffic, therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the SA objective. Overall a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. This site is quite large (64.85ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a significant negative uncertain effect is given for this element of the SA objective. Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect on preserving soil quality and will result in land being lost to other uses. This is a greenfield site on mostly Grade 2 agricultural land although a small part of the eastern part of the site is on Grade 3b land. Overall, a significant negative effect is given, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design of the development.

Thr24: Lower Hill Farm

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.

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3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	--?	This site is not within 500m of a primary school nor is it within 1km of a secondary school or further education facility. A significant negative effect is given although this is uncertain as it is not known whether schools more than the walking distance of 800m have capacity to accommodate future residents.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	Part of the site is within 800m of a GP surgery. There are a number of local cycle paths and Public Rights of Way within 800m. There are also a number of open spaces, including playing fields, allotments and a sports facility within 800m, thereby providing residents with opportunities to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. A significant positive effect is given.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle routes providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. The site is not located within close proximity to a . The site is also not located within an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation . A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle routes which will encourage residents to use more sustainable modes of transport to access jobs, services and facilities and thereby potentially encouraging active travel which has benefits for health. The site is not located within close proximity to a . A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle routes providing access to other services and facilities further afield without having to rely on private car use. The site is not located within close proximity to a railway station. There are a number of open spaces, including playing fields, allotments and a sports facility within 800m. A minor positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	++	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively large in size (16.24ha) it is considered likely that more opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	++	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is relatively large in size (16.24ha) it is considered likely that the number of new homes that could be accommodated would be more than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.

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13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/--?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a relatively large site (16.24ha) and on mostly greenfield land, therefore a significant negative effect is expected in relation to this element of the SA objective, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive and uncertain significant negative) is given.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	-?	This site is adjacent to Broomy Hill Conservation Area and on greenfield land. A minor negative uncertain effect is given as developing greenfield land could have adverse effects on the setting of the Conservation Area, however this is uncertain and dependent on the development's design , scale and layout which is not yet known.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	--?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is relatively large (16.24ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a significant negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	--?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively large in size (16.24ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	--?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is relatively large (16.24ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a significant negative effect is given. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will encourage public transport use. The site is not located within close proximity to a . A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is within 1km of the River Wye SAC and SSSI and also contains a small SINC which is designated for containing a traditional orchard. This could potentially be lost or enhanced through mitigation, although this is uncertain at this stage. The site is also entirely within a green infrastructure enhancement zone and partly within a green infrastructure corridor. Overall, a minor negative uncertain effect is given.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	--?	The site is in a landscape classed as having a 'high' sensitivity to change . The site is also within a green infrastructure enhancement zone and partly within a green infrastructure corridor, the purpose of which is to positively contribute to the character and distinctiveness of the landscape. Development here could lead to the fragmentation of these areas. An overall significant negative effect is given, however this is uncertain given that new development may incorporate new areas of green infrastructure (particularly if they are large) which would

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		have a positive effect on the landscape.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is on greenfield land but not in a Flood Zone 3 area, therefore a minor negative effect is given.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	The site is within 800m a number of bus stops and local cycle paths thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use. The site is not located within or in close proximity to an AQMA. Future residents of this site are not considered to be at risk of noise levels associated with road traffic, therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the SA objective. Overall a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	-?	Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. This site is relatively large (16.24ha) and on mostly greenfield land, therefore a significant negative uncertain effect is given for this element of the SA objective. Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect on preserving soil quality and will result in land being lost to other uses. This is a greenfield site on Grade 2 agricultural land, therefore a significant negative effect is given, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design of the development.

Thr26a: Land at Huntington

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	This site is not within 500m of a primary school but is within 1km of a secondary school. A minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain as it is not known whether there will be capacity to accommodate future residents.

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5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+/-?	There are no GP surgeries or hospitals within 800m. There are a number of local cycle paths and Public Rights of Way within 800m. There are also a number of open spaces, including a playing field and a sports facility within 800m thereby providing residents with opportunities to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. However, the site contains part of an area of open space which is in use as religious grounds which could be lost to development or potentially incorporated into the design which is unknown at this stage. A mixed effect (minor positive and uncertain minor negative) is given.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle routes providing residents with access to jobs, services and facilities further afield. The site is not located within close proximity to a . The site is also not located within an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle routes which will encourage residents to use more sustainable modes of transport to access jobs, services and facilities and thereby potentially encouraging active travel which has benefits for health. The site is not located within close proximity to a . A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle routes providing access to other services and facilities further afield without having to rely on private car use. The site is not located within close proximity to a . There are a number of open spaces, including a playing field and a sports facility within 800m. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	++	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively large in size (23.52ha) it is considered likely that more opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	++	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is relatively large in size (23.52ha) and is proposed to deliver 520 houses which would make a large contribution to meeting the housing need identified. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/-?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a relatively large site (23.52ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a significant negative effect is given, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, a mixed effect (minor

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		positive and uncertain significant negative) is given.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	-?	This site is adjacent to Huntingdon Conservation Area and on greenfield land. A minor negative uncertain effect is given as developing greenfield land could have adverse effects on the setting of the Conservation Area, however this is uncertain and dependent on the development's design, scale and layout which is not yet known.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	--?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be adversely affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is relatively large (23.52ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a significant negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	--?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively large in size (23.52ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	--?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is relatively large (23.52ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a significant negative effect is given. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development. The site is also within a minerals safeguarding area which adds to the negative effect.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will encourage public transport use. The site is not located within close proximity to a . A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is not within 1km of an international or national designation and does not contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. The site however is located within a GI enhancement zone, and therefore a minor negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the site.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is in a landscape classed as having a 'medium-low' sensitivity to change. The site is also within a green infrastructure enhancement zone, the purpose of which is to positively contribute to the character and distinctiveness of the landscape. Development here could lead to the fragmentation of these areas. An overall minor negative effect is given, however this is uncertain given that new development may incorporate new areas of green infrastructure (particularly if they are large) which would have a positive effect on the landscape.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	-?	This residential site is located within a Source Protection Zone and as such its development presents a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. The effect is however uncertain until such time as the detailed design of development which comes forward at the site is known. An uncertain minor negative effect is therefore likely in relation to this SA objective.

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22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is on greenfield land but not in a Flood Zone 3 area, therefore a minor negative effect is given.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	The site is within 800m a number of bus stops and local cycle paths thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use. The site is not located within or in close proximity to an AQMA. Future residents of this site are not considered to be at risk of noise levels associated with road traffic, therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the SA objective. Overall A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. This site is relatively large (23.52ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a significant negative uncertain effect is given for this element of the SA objective. Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect on preserving soil quality and will result in land being lost to other uses. This is a greenfield site on Grade 2 agricultural land, therefore a significant negative effect is given, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design of the development.

Thr28: Bay Horse Motors

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	--?	This site is not within 500m of a primary school or within 1km of a secondary school or further education facility. A significant negative effect is given although this is uncertain as it is not known whether there will be capacity to accommodate future residents at the nearest schools.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+	There are no GP surgeries or hospitals within 800m. There are a number of Public Rights of Way within 800m. There are also a number of open spaces, including a playing field and a sports facility within 800m thereby providing residents with opportunities to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.

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6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	-	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops. However, due to the lack of provision of other forms of sustainable transportation i.e. train stations and cycle paths, residents may not have the same accessibility to jobs, services and facilities further afield as residents at more urban sites. The site is also not located within an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation . A minor negative effect is given.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	-	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops. Due to the lack of provision of other forms of sustainable transportation, residents may be encouraged to drive to access jobs, services and facilities which could potentially discourage active travel which has benefits for health. This also has negative implications for reducing congestion. A minor negative effect is given.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops. There are a number of open spaces, including a playing field and a sports facility within 800m. The site is not located within close proximity to a railway station or a cycle path however. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.37ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.37ha) it is considered likely that the number of new homes that could be accommodated would be less than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a small site (0.37ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is expected although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design and previous use of the site. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, an uncertain minor positive effect is given.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site is not located in, adjacent to or in close proximity to a designated or undesignated heritage asset and therefore a negligible effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.

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15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	+?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is relatively small (0.37ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.37ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	+?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is relatively small (0.37ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops which will help to encourage residents to use public transport. The site is not located within close proximity to a . A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is not within 1km of an international or national designation and does not contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. The site however is located within a GI enhancement zone, and therefore a minor negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the site.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is in a landscape classed as having a 'medium-low' sensitivity to change. The site is also within a green infrastructure enhancement zone, the purpose of which is to positively contribute to the character and distinctiveness of the landscape. Development here could lead to the fragmentation of these areas. An overall minor negative effect is given, however this is uncertain given that new development may incorporate new areas of green infrastructure (particularly if they are large) which would have a positive effect on the landscape.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	-?	This residential site is located within a Source Protection Zone and as such its development presents a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. The effect is however uncertain until such time as the detailed design of development which comes forward at the site is known. An uncertain minor negative effect is therefore likely in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	0	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is on brownfield land and not in a Flood Zone 3 area, therefore a negligible effect is given.
23: Minimise noise, light and air	+/-	The site is within 800m a number of bus stops thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use. The site is not located within or in close proximity to an

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pollution		AQMA. Residents of this site may be subject to noise pollution from traffic on the A438, therefore a minor negative effect is given for this element of the SA objective. Overall a mixed effect is identified for this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	+?/--?	Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. Effects are uncertain, however, depending on the design of the development and the previous use of the site. This site is on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive uncertain effect is expected in relation to this element of the SA objective. Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect on preserving soil quality and will result in land being lost to other uses. This is a brownfield site on Grade 2 agricultural land, therefore a significant negative effect is given for this element of the objective, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site. Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive and uncertain significant negative) is identified for this SA objective.

Thr29: Hereford Racecourse

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	This site is not within 500m of a primary school but is within 1km of a secondary school. A minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain as it is not known whether there will be capacity to accommodate future residents.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	There is one GP surgery within 800m. There are a number of Public Rights of Way and local cycle routes within 800m. There are also a number of open spaces, including Hereford racecourse, playing field and sports facilities within 800m thereby providing residents with opportunities to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. A significant positive effect is given.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.

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county		
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	++	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents (particularly those without cars) to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. The site is also partly within a 20% most deprived area for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' as identified in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation, therefore the development will provide improved access to housing in one of the most deprived areas of the county. A significant positive effect is given.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The proximity of housing sites to public transport links will affect the extent to which residents are able to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is therefore given.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. There are also a number of open spaces, including Hereford racecourse, playing field and sports facilities within 800m, as well as two village halls. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (2.70ha) it is considered likely that fewer opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is relatively small in size (2.70ha) and is proposed to deliver 70 houses which would make a small contribution to meeting the housing need identified. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/-?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a relatively small site (2.69ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative effect is given, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design of the site. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive and uncertain minor negative) effect is given.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site is not located in, adjacent to or in close proximity to a designated or undesignated heritage asset and therefore a negligible effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	-?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be adversely affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is relatively small (2.69ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site

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		contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (2.70ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	-?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is relatively small (2.69ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative effect is given. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will help to encourage residents to use public transport. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is not within 1km of an international or national designation and does not contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. The site however is located within a GI corridor and partially within a GI enhancement zone, and therefore a minor negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the site.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis, and so is assumed to be of low sensitivity to change. However, the site is within a green infrastructure corridor and partly within a green infrastructure enhancement zone. Development here could lead to the fragmentation of these areas. An overall minor negative effect is given, however this is uncertain given that new development may incorporate new areas of green infrastructure (particularly if they are large) which would have a positive effect on the landscape.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	--	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is on greenfield land and much of the land falls within a Flood Zone 3 area and therefore a significant negative effect is given.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+/-	The site is within 800m a number of bus stops and local cycle paths thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use. The site is not located within or in close proximity to an AQMA. A substantial portion of the site to the north would have the potential to be moderately impacted upon in terms of noise pollution from traffic, therefore a minor negative effect is given for this element of the SA objective.

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		Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is identified for this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	-?	<p>Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. Effects are uncertain, however, depending on the design of the development. This site is relatively small (2.69ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative uncertain effect is given for this element of the objective.</p> <p>Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect on preserving soil quality and will result in land being lost to other uses. This site is classified as 'Urban', therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the objective.</p> <p>Overall, an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective.</p>

Thr30: Former Sportsman Pub

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	This site is within 500m of a primary school and within 1km of a further education facility. The site is not located within close proximity to a secondary school however. A minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain as it is not known whether there will be capacity to accommodate future residents.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	There is one GP surgery within 800m. There are a number of Public Rights of Way and local cycle routes within 800m, as well as NCN route 46. There are also a number of open spaces, including four playing fields, a public park and allotments, thereby providing residents with opportunities to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. A significant positive effect is given.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents (particularly those without cars) to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. The site is also not located within a 20% most deprived area for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' as identified in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. A minor

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county		positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The proximity of housing sites to public transport links will affect the extent to which residents are able to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is therefore given.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. There are also a number of open spaces including four playing fields, a public park and allotments, as well as a museum. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.40ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.40ha) it is considered likely that the number of new homes that could be accommodated would be less than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a relatively small site (0.40ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this element of the SA objective, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design and previous use of the site. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	+?	The site is on brownfield land within Widemarsh Common Conservation Area. The redevelopment of the site could have positive benefits for the setting of the Conservation Area by regenerating unused land. A minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	+?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is relatively small (0.40ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in

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encourage recycling		size (0.40ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	+?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is relatively small (0.40ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will help to encourage residents to use public transport. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is not within 1km of an international or national designation but is partly within a SINC. In addition, it is entirely within a green infrastructure corridor. Overall, a minor negative uncertain effect is given.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis, and so is assumed to be of low sensitivity to change. However, the site is within a green infrastructure corridor. Development here could lead to the fragmentation of this area. An overall minor negative effect is given, however this is uncertain given that new development may incorporate new areas of green infrastructure which would have a positive effect on the landscape.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	0	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are large in size and/or are within high risk flood zones. This site is on brownfield land and largely outside a Flood Zone 3 area, therefore a negligible effect is given.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+/--	<p>The site is within 800m a number of bus stops and local cycle paths thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use.</p> <p>Residents at this site are likely to be subject to noise pollution from traffic on the A49 with the northern portion of the site likely to be particularly adversely affected in these terms. A significant negative effect is therefore given for this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>All new development in AQMAs (regardless of the use specified) has the potential to aggravate local air quality in terms of a resultant increased number of journeys during the construction and operational phases thereby compounding existing air quality problems. This site is partly within an AQMA, therefore a significant negative effect is given for this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>Overall a mixed (minor positive and significant negative) effect is given for this SA objective.</p>

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24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	+?	<p>Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. Effects are uncertain, however, depending on the design of the development and the previous use of the site. This site is small (0.40ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive uncertain effect is given.</p> <p>Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect on preserving soil quality and will result in land being lost to other uses. This is a brownfield site which is classified as 'Urban', therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the objective.</p> <p>Overall, A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.</p>

Thr32: Land off Whitecross Road

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	This site is within 500m of a primary school and within 1km of two further education facilities. The site is not located within close proximity to a secondary school however. A minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain as it is not known whether there will be capacity to accommodate future residents.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	There are three GP surgeries within 800m. There are a number of Public Rights of Way and local cycle routes within 800m, as well as NCN route 46. There are also a number of open spaces, including three playing fields and a public park, thereby providing residents with opportunities to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. A significant positive effect is given.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 46 which will enable residents (particularly those without cars) to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. The site is also not located within a 20% most deprived area for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' as identified in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.

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9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The proximity of housing sites to public transport links will affect the extent to which residents are able to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is therefore given.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 46. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. There are also a number of open spaces including three playing fields and a public park, as well as five museums, one library and a village hall. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site) is relatively small in size (0.75ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site relatively small in size (0.75ha) and is proposed to deliver 35 houses which would make a small contribution to meeting the housing need identified.. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a relatively small site (0.75ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this element of the SA objective, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design and previous use of the site. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 46 which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, an uncertain minor positive effect is given.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	+?	The site is on brownfield land adjacent to Hereford Conservation Area. The redevelopment of the site could have positive benefits for the setting of the Conservation Area by regenerating unused land. A minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	+?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is relatively small (0.75ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.75ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.

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17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	+?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is relatively small (0.75ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 46 which will help to encourage residents to use public transport. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is within 1km of the River Wye SAC and SSSI but does not contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. The site is entirely within a green infrastructure corridor. Overall, a minor negative uncertain effect is given.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis, and so is assumed to be of low sensitivity to change. However, the site is within a green infrastructure corridor. Development here could lead to the fragmentation of this area. An overall minor negative effect is given, however this is uncertain given that new development may incorporate new areas of green infrastructure which would have a positive effect on the landscape.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	0	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is on brownfield land and outside a Flood Zone 3 area, therefore a negligible effect is given.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+/--	The site is within 800m a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 46 thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use. Residents of this site are likely to be subject to noise pollution from traffic on the A438 with the effect likely to be significant to the south. A significant negative effect is therefore given for this element of the SA objective. All new development in AQMAs (regardless of the use specified) has the potential to aggravate local air quality in terms of a resultant increased number of journeys during the construction and operational phases thereby compounding existing air quality problems. This site is adjacent to the AQMA covering part of the A438, therefore a significant negative effect is given for this element of the SA objective. Overall a mixed (minor positive and significant negative) effect is given for this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	+?	Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. Effects are uncertain, however, depending on the design of the development and the previous use of the site. This site is small (0.75ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive uncertain effect is

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		<p>given.</p> <p>Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect on preserving soil quality and will result in land being lost to other uses. This is a brownfield site which is classified as 'Urban', therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the objective.</p> <p>Overall, a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.</p>

Thr34: Faraday Road

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	This site is within 500m of a primary school and within 1km of a further education facility. The site is not located within close proximity to a secondary school however. A minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain as it is not known whether there will be capacity to accommodate future residents.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	There is one GP surgery within 800m. There are a number of Public Rights of Way and local cycle routes within 800m, as well as NCN route 46. There are also a number of open spaces, including four playing fields, Hereford racecourse and a public park, thereby providing residents with opportunities to be active and lead healthy lifestyles. A significant positive effect is given.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 46 which will enable residents (particularly those without cars) to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. The site is also not located within a 20% most deprived area for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' as identified in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys	+	The proximity of housing sites to public transport links will affect the extent to which residents are able to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 46. The site is not located within close

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made by public transport, cycling and walking		proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is therefore given.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 46. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. There are also a number of open spaces including four playing fields, a public park, Hereford racecourse, as well as a museum and a village hall. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (1.68ha) it is considered likely that fewer opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites.. A minor positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is relatively small in size (1.68ha) and is proposed to deliver 100 houses which would make a small contribution to meeting the housing need identified. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a relatively small site (1.68ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this element of the SA objective, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design and previous use of the site. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 46 which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, an uncertain minor positive effect is given.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	+?	The site is on brownfield land adjacent to Widemarsh Common Conservation Area. The redevelopment of the site could have positive benefits for the setting of the Conservation Area by regenerating unused land. A minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	+?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is relatively small (1.68ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (1.68ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	+?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is relatively small (1.68ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the

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		development and previous use of the site.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 46 which will help to encourage residents to use public transport. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is not within 1km of an international or national designation, and does not contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. The site is mostly within a green infrastructure corridor. Overall, a minor negative uncertain effect is given.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis, and so is assumed to be of low sensitivity to change. However, the site is mostly within a green infrastructure corridor. Development here could lead to the fragmentation of this area. An overall minor negative effect is given, however this is uncertain given that new development may incorporate new areas of green infrastructure which would have a positive effect on the landscape.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	0	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites or are within high risk flood zones. This site is on brownfield land and outside a Flood Zone 3 area (but contains areas of Flood Zone 2), therefore a negligible effect is given.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+/-	<p>The site is within 800m a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 46 thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use.</p> <p>Residents of this site are unlikely to be subject to noise pollution from road or rail traffic therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>All new development in AQMAs (regardless of the use specified) has the potential to aggravate local air quality in terms of a resultant increased number of journeys during the construction and operational phases thereby compounding existing air quality problems. This site is adjacent to the AQMA covering part of the A49 which residents are likely to make use of to access this site and therefore a significant negative effect is given for this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>Overall a mixed (minor positive and significant negative) effect is given for this SA objective.</p>
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	+?	<p>Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. Effects are uncertain, however, depending on the design of the development and the previous use of the site. This site is small (1.68ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive uncertain effect is given.</p> <p>Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect on preserving soil</p>

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		quality and will result in land being lost to other uses. This is a brownfield site which is classified as 'Urban' , therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the objective. Overall, A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.

Thr35: Wyevale Garden Centre

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	--?	This site is not within 500m of a primary school or within 1km of a secondary school or further education facility. A significant negative effect is given although this is uncertain as it is not known whether there will be capacity to accommodate future residents at the nearest schools.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+	There are no GP surgeries or hospitals within 800m. There are a number of Public Rights of Way (including one which crosses the site) and local cycle routes within 800m which will help to promote physical activity. It is assumed that the Public Right of Way within the site will be retained as part of the development. There are a limited number of open spaces within 800m, the only one being a religious ground. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents (particularly those without cars) to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. The site is also not located within a 20% most deprived area for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' as identified in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation . A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The proximity of housing sites to public transport links will affect the extent to which residents are able to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is therefore given.

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10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths. There is also an area of religious ground open space within 800m. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (3.01ha) it is considered likely that fewer opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is relatively small in size (3.01ha) and is proposed to deliver 80 houses which would make a small contribution to meeting the housing need identified. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a relatively small site (3.01ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this element of the SA objective, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design and previous use of the site. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, an uncertain minor positive effect is given.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site is not located in, adjacent to or in close proximity to a designated or undesignated heritage asset and therefore a negligible effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	+?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is relatively small (3.01ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (3.01ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	+?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is relatively small (3.01ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate	+	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and

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change as well as its contribution to the problem		local cycle paths which will help to encourage residents to use public transport. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is not within 1km of an international or national designation and does not contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. However, the site is within a green infrastructure enhancement area. Overall, a minor negative uncertain effect is given.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is in a landscape classed as having a 'medium-low' sensitivity to change. The site is also within a green infrastructure enhancement zone, the purpose of which is to positively contribute to the character and distinctiveness of the landscape. Development here could lead to the fragmentation of these areas. An overall minor negative effect is given, however this is uncertain given that new development may incorporate new areas of green infrastructure (particularly if they are large) which would have a positive effect on the landscape.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	-?	This residential site is located within a Source Protection Zone and as such its development presents a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. The effect is however uncertain until such time as the detailed design of development which comes forward at the site is known. An uncertain minor negative effect is therefore likely in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	0	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is on brownfield land and outside a Flood Zone 3 area, therefore a negligible effect is given.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+/--	The site is within 800m a number of bus stops and local cycle paths thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use. Residents at this site to the south could be subject to moderate and significant levels of noise pollution from traffic on the A438 therefore a significant negative effect is given for this element of the SA objective. All new development in AQMAs (regardless of the use specified) has the potential to aggravate local air quality in terms of a resultant increased number of journeys during the construction and operational phases thereby compounding existing air quality problems. This site is not within or adjacent to an AQMA, therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the SA objective. Overall a mixed (minor positive and significant negative) effect is given for this SA objective.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	+?/--?	Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. Effects are uncertain, however, depending on the design of the development and the previous use of the site. This site is relatively small (3.01ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive uncertain effect is given. Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect on preserving soil quality and will result in land being lost to other uses. This is a brownfield site which is on Grade 2 agricultural land, therefore an uncertain significant negative effect is given for this element of the objective. Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive and significant negative) is given although both effects are uncertain and

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		dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.

Thr37: Land at Grandstand Road (north)

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1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	This site is within 1km of a secondary school. The site is not located within close proximity to a secondary school however. A minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain as it is not known whether there will be capacity to accommodate future residents.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+/-?	There are no GP surgeries or hospitals within 800m. There are a number of Public Rights of Way and local cycle routes within 800m which will help to promote physical activity. There are a number of open spaces within 800m, including Hereford racecourse which is directly adjacent, two sports facilities, and three playing fields. There is, however, a small area of safeguarded open space within the site, and it is assumed that this would be lost to development. However, it is also possible that the design of new developments may allow for the incorporation of open space. Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive and minor negative uncertain) is given.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents (particularly those without cars) to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. The site is also not located within a 20% most deprived area for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' as identified in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation . A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The proximity of housing sites to public transport links will affect the extent to which residents are able to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is therefore given.

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10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths, and a secondary school is within 1km. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. There are a number of open spaces within 800m, including Hereford racecourse which is directly adjacent, two sports facilities, and three playing fields as well as a village hall to the north. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.50ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is relatively small in size (0.50ha) and is proposed to deliver 15 houses which would make a small contribution to meeting the housing need identified. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/-?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a relatively small site (0.50ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative effect is given, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design of the site. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive and uncertain minor negative) is given.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site is not located in, adjacent to or in close proximity to a designated or undesignated heritage asset and therefore a negligible effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	-?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be adversely affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is relatively small (0.50ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.50ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	-?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is relatively small (0.50ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative effect is given. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to	+	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops and local cycle paths which will help to encourage residents to use public transport. The site is not located within

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the problem		close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is not within 1km of an international or national designation and does not contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. The site is however partly within a green infrastructure corridor. Overall, a minor negative uncertain effect is given.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis, and so is assumed to be of low sensitivity to change. However, the site is partly within a green infrastructure corridor. Development here could lead to the fragmentation of this area. An overall minor negative effect is given, however this is uncertain given that new development may incorporate new areas of green infrastructure which would have a positive effect on the landscape.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is on greenfield land and outside a Flood Zone 3 area, therefore a minor negative effect is given.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	<p>The site is within 800m a number of bus stops and local cycle paths thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use.</p> <p>Residents of this site are unlikely to be subject to noise pollution from roads and railways therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>All new development in AQMAs (regardless of the use specified) has the potential to aggravate local air quality in terms of a resultant increased number of journeys during the construction and operational phases thereby compounding existing air quality problems. This site is not within or adjacent to an AQMA, therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>Overall a minor positive effect is given for this SA objective.</p>
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	-?	<p>Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. Effects are uncertain, however, depending on the design of the development. This site is relatively small (0.50ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative uncertain effect is expected in relation to this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect on preserving soil quality and will result in land being lost to other uses. This is a greenfield site but is classified as 'Urban' land, therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the objective.</p> <p>Overall, a minor negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development.</p>

Tup20: Bartonsham Farm Dairy

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1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	This site is within 500m of a primary school and within 1km of a further education facility. The site is not located within close proximity to a secondary school however. A minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain as it is not known whether there will be capacity to accommodate future residents.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	There are three GP surgeries within 800m. There are a number of Public Rights of Way and local cycle routes within 800m as well as NCN route 44 which will help to promote physical activity. There are a number of open spaces within 800m, including four sports facilities, allotments, three playing fields and two public parks. A significant positive effect is therefore given.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 44 which will enable residents (particularly those without cars) to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. The site is also not located within a 20% most deprived area for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' as identified in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The proximity of housing sites to public transport links will affect the extent to which residents are able to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 44. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is therefore given.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 44, a primary school is within 500m and a further education facility is within 1km. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. There are a number of open spaces within 800m, including four sports facilities, allotments, three playing fields and two public parks. There is also a village hall, two museums and a library within 800m. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
11: Improve access to services and	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision

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facilities		of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.53ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is relatively small in size (0.53ha) and is proposed to deliver 15 houses which would make a small contribution to meeting the housing need identified. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/-?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a relatively small site (0.53ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative effect is given, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 44 which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive and uncertain minor negative) is given.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	--?	The site is on greenfield land within Hereford Conservation Area. The redevelopment of this area of open space could have adverse effects on the setting of the Conservation Area through the induction of more built development. A significant negative effect is given although this is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	-?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is relatively small (0.53ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.53ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	-?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is relatively small (0.53ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative effect is given. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 44 which will help to encourage residents to use public transport. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	--?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is within 250m of River Wye SAC and SSSI and also

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		directly adjacent to a SINC. Overall, a significant negative uncertain effect is given.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	0	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis, and so is assumed to be of low sensitivity to change. The site is not within a green infrastructure corridor or green infrastructure enhancement area. A negligible effect is therefore given.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is on greenfield land and outside a Flood Zone 3 area, therefore a minor negative effect is given.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	<p>The site is within 800m a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 44 thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use.</p> <p>Residents of this site are unlikely to be subject to noise pollution from roads and railways therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>All new development in AQMAs (regardless of the use specified) has the potential to aggravate local air quality in terms of a resultant increased number of journeys during the construction and operational phases thereby compounding existing air quality problems. This site is not within or adjacent to an AQMA, therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>Overall a minor positive effect is given for this SA objective.</p>
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	-?	<p>Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. Effects are uncertain, however, depending on the design of the development. This site is small (0.53ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative uncertain effect is given.</p> <p>Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect on preserving soil quality and will result in land being lost to other uses. This is a greenfield site but is classified as 'Urban' land, therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the objective.</p> <p>Overall, a minor negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development.</p>

Tup22: TA site

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1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	This site is within 500m of a primary school and within 1km of a further education facility. The site is not located within close proximity to a secondary school however. A minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain as it is not known whether there will be capacity to accommodate future residents.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	There are three GP surgeries and a hospital within 800m. There are a number of Public Rights of Way and local cycle routes within 800m as well as NCN route 44 which will help to promote physical activity. There are a number of open spaces within 800m, including four sports facilities, allotments, two playing fields and two public parks. A significant positive effect is therefore given.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 44 which will enable residents (particularly those without cars) to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. The site is also not located within a 20% most deprived area for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' as identified in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation . A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The proximity of housing sites to public transport links will affect the extent to which residents are able to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 44. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is therefore given.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 44, a primary school is within 500m and a further education facility is within 1km. There are a number of open spaces within 800m, including four sports facilities, allotments, two playing fields and two public parks. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
11: Improve access to services and	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision

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facilities		of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.26ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is relatively small in size (0.26ha) and is proposed to deliver 20 houses which would make a small contribution to meeting the housing need identified. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a relatively small site (0.26ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is given, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design and previous use of the site. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 44 which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, an uncertain minor positive effect is given.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	--?	The site is in close proximity to Row Ditch Scheduled Monument with which there is likely to be a degree of intervisibility. As such development at the site could adversely affect the setting of this heritage asset. A significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. The effect is uncertain, however, as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	+?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is relatively small (0.26ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. . As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.26 ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	+?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is relatively small (0.26ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 44 which will help to encourage residents to use public transport. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air

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		pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is within 1km of River Wye SAC and SSSI but does not contain a locally designated site, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. The site is not within a green infrastructure corridor or a green infrastructure enhancement zone. Overall, a minor negative uncertain effect is given.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	0	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis, and so is assumed to be of low sensitivity to change. The site is not within a green infrastructure corridor or green infrastructure enhancement area. A negligible effect is therefore given.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	0	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is on brownfield land and outside a Flood Zone 3 area, therefore a negligible effect is given.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	<p>The site is within 800m a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 44 thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use.</p> <p>Residents of this site are unlikely to be subject to noise pollution from roads and railways therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>All new development in AQMAs (regardless of the use specified) has the potential to aggravate local air quality in terms of a resultant increased number of journeys during the construction and operational phases thereby compounding existing air quality problems. This site is not within or adjacent to an AQMA, therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>Overall a minor positive effect is given for this SA objective.</p>
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	+?	<p>Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. Effects are uncertain, however, depending on the design of the development and the previous use of the site. This site is small (0.26ha) and on brownfield land, therefore a minor positive uncertain effect is expected in relation to this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect on preserving soil quality and will result in land being lost to other uses. This is a brownfield site which has been classified as 'Urban' land; therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the objective.</p> <p>Overall, a minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and previous use of the site.</p>

Tup25: Land adjacent to Foley Trading Estate

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1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	+?	This site is within 1km of a further education facility. The site is not located within close proximity of a primary school or a secondary school however. A minor positive effect is given although this is uncertain as it is not known whether there will be capacity to accommodate future residents.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++/-?	There are three GP surgeries and one hospital within 800m. There are a number of Public Rights of Way and local cycle routes within 800m as well as NCN route 44 which will help to promote physical activity. There are a number of open spaces within 800m, including a sports facility, two allotments, a playing field and a public park. Further areas of open space are located on the other side of the railway line which forms the western boundary of the site however access to these features may be limited. The site is also within an existing playing field which is likely to be lost to development (but could be incorporated into site design), meaning a minor negative uncertain effect is expected in relation to the SA objective. Overall, a mixed effect (significant positive and uncertain minor negative) is given.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 44 which will enable residents (particularly those without cars) to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The proximity of housing sites to public transport links will affect the extent to which residents are able to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 44. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is therefore given.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities	+	This site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 44 and a further education facility is within 1km. There are a number of open spaces within 800m, including a sports facility, two allotments, a playing field and a public park. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A

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for all		minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.51ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). This residential site is relatively small in size (0.51ha) and is proposed to deliver 10 houses which would make a small contribution to meeting the housing need identified.. A minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/-?	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. This is a relatively small site (0.51ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative effect is given, although effects are uncertain and dependent on the design. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 44 which will reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. Overall, a mixed effect (minor positive and uncertain minor negative) is given.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	-?	The site is on greenfield land located in close proximity to Hampton Park Conservation Area and will likely have intervisibility with this heritage asset. The redevelopment of the site which currently comprises an area of open space could have adverse effects on the setting of the Conservation Area through the introduction of more built development. A minor negative effect is given although this is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	-?	The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be affected where development takes place on greenfield land and larger sites are more likely to have a more prominent impact than smaller sites. This site is relatively small (0.51ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development and the way in which the site contributes to the local distinctiveness and setting of the area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.51ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	-?	The location of development sites on previously developed land ensures the prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. This site is relatively small (0.51ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative effect is given. This is uncertain, however, dependent on the design of the development.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The location of residential developments will influence the achievement of this SA objective primarily through the likely impacts on levels of car use amongst residents. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 44 which will help to encourage residents to use public transport. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.

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19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	Site options that are close to an international, national or local designated conservation site or within a green infrastructure (GI) corridor or a GI enhancement zone have the potential to affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of those sites, e.g. through habitat damage/loss, fragmentation, disturbance to species, air pollution, increased recreation pressure etc. This site is directly adjacent to a SINC and within 1km of River Wye SAC and SSSI. The site is also located within a green infrastructure corridor. Overall, a minor negative uncertain effect is given.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis, and so is assumed to be of low sensitivity to change. However, the site is within a green infrastructure corridor which could affect the biodiversity or geodiversity of the area. A minor negative uncertain effect is therefore given.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are within high risk flood zones. This site is on greenfield land and outside a Flood Zone 3 area, therefore a minor negative effect is given.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	<p>The site is within 800m a number of bus stops, local cycle paths and NCN route 44 thereby encouraging sustainable transport use with associated benefits in relation to reduced emissions from car use.</p> <p>Residents of this site are unlikely to be subject to noise pollution from roads and railways therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>All new development in AQMAs (regardless of the use specified) has the potential to aggravate local air quality in terms of a resultant increased number of journeys during the construction and operational phases thereby compounding existing air quality problems. This site is not within or adjacent to an AQMA, therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>Overall a minor positive effect is given for this SA objective.</p>
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	-?	<p>Development on brownfield land represents more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield sites. Effects are uncertain, however, depending on the design of the development. This site is small (0.51ha) and on greenfield land, therefore a minor negative uncertain effect is expected in relation to this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>Development on high quality agricultural land (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will have a negative effect on preserving soil quality and will result in land being lost to other uses. This is a greenfield site but is classified as 'Urban' land, therefore a negligible effect is given for this element of the objective.</p> <p>Overall, a minor negative effect is given although this is uncertain and dependent on the design of the development.</p>

Tup26: Land at Queenswood Drive

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	++?	The site is within 1km of The Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat Secondary School and within 500m of Hampton Dene Primary School and St Paul's Primary School. A significant positive effect is identified. However, this is uncertain and will depend on there being capacity at those education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++/-?	The site is within walking distance (800m) of a GP surgery, open space and recreation/sports facilities. The site is also within 800m of cycle paths and public rights of way. Residential developments that are within walking distance of healthcare facilities (i.e. GP surgeries or hospitals), sports and recreation facilities/open spaces, public rights of way and cycle routes will ensure that residents have good access to healthcare facilities and may encourage more journeys on foot or by bicycle and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles. This site however contains an area of safeguarded open space which may be lost as a result of residential development at this location, meaning that the positive effect is combined with a minor negative uncertain effect.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	++	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and cycle routes. The site is not within 800m of the railway station. The site is also situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation . Residential sites within one of the 20% most deprived areas under the 'Barriers to Housing and Services' domain in the English Indices of Deprivation will provide access to housing in the most deprived areas of the county. Additionally, residential sites within walking distance of sustainable transport links will enable residents (particularly those without cars) to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. Therefore a significant positive impact is expected for this site in relation to this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. The site is not located with close proximity of a railway station, however. Therefore a minor positive effect is expected.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational,	+	The site is located within walking distance of educational, healthcare, recreational/sporting and leisure facilities and within walking distance of bus stops, cycle paths and public rights of way. Sites that are

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leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all		within walking distance (800m) of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents and employees (particularly those without a car) will be more easily able to access those facilities. Good public transport links will also be beneficial as they will enable residents and employees to reach services and facilities that are further away without having to rely on the use of private cars. A minor positive effect is expected in relation to this objective.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is small (0.6ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is small (0.6ha) and would accommodate 20 dwellings, which is a small contribution towards housing needs, a minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/-?	<p>The site comprises greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is small in size (0.6ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects will be uncertain depending on the design of the development which is not known at this stage.</p> <p>The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the negative effect expected is likely to be combined with a minor positive effect.</p>
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site is not located in, adjacent to or in close proximity to a designated or undesignated heritage asset and therefore a negligible effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	-?	The site is small but is located on greenfield land. The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be affected where development takes place on greenfield land. However, effects are uncertain depending on the design of the development and the contribution the land makes to the local distinctiveness and setting of an area. An uncertain minor negative effect is expected.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is small (0.6ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	-?	The site is small in size (0.6ha) located on greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources given that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this

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		<p>stage</p> <p>The site does not intersect with and is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore will not sterilise mineral resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County.</p> <p>Overall, an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station, however. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is located within 1km of the River Wye which has been designated as an SAC and SSSI. The site does not contain any local designations and is not located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone. Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	0	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis and it is assumed to be of low sensitivity. The site is not within a Green Infrastructure Corridor or Enhancement Zone. A negligible effect in relation to this SA objective is identified.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County therefore increasing overall flood risk. The site is not within a Flood Zone 3 area therefore a minor negative effect is expected.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	<p>The site is within 800m of bus stops and cycle paths. The location of new sites can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. The site is not within an AQMA or likely to generate traffic that uses an AQMA route as its primary access. Therefore a minor positive effect is identified in relation to this element of the objective.</p> <p>The site is not at risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways and therefore will have a negligible effect on this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>Overall a minor positive effect is expected.</p>
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	Although the site is small it comprises greenfield land which is classed as Grade 2 agricultural land according to the Agricultural Land Classification. An overall uncertain significant negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.

Tup27: Land at the Paddock, Hampton Dene Road

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	++?	The site is within 1km of The Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat Secondary School and within 500m of Hampton Dene Primary School and St Paul's Primary School. A significant positive effect is identified. Impacts will depend on there being capacity at those education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage, and so the significant effect is currently uncertain
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++/-?	The site is within walking distance (800m) of a GP surgery, open space and recreation/sports facilities. The site is also within 800m of cycle paths and public rights of way. Residential developments that are within walking distance of healthcare facilities (i.e. GP surgeries or hospitals), sports and recreation facilities/open spaces, public rights of way and cycle routes will ensure that residents have good access to healthcare facilities and may encourage more journeys on foot or by bicycle and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles. This site however contains an area of safeguarded open space which may be lost as a result of residential development at this location, meaning that the significant positive effect is combined with an minor negative uncertain effect.
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. The site is not located with close proximity of a railway station, however. The site is not situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. Overall, a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. The site is not located with close proximity of a railway station, however. Therefore a minor positive effect is expected.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community	+	The site is located within walking distance of educational, healthcare, recreational/sporting and leisure facilities and within walking distance of bus stops, cycle paths and public rights of way. Sites that are within walking distance (800m) of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents and employees (particularly those without a car) will be

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activities for all		more easily able to access those facilities. Good public transport links will also be beneficial as they will enable residents and employees to reach services and facilities that are further away without having to rely on the use of private cars. A minor positive effect is expected in relation to this objective.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is small (0.66ha), fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is small (0.66ha) and would accommodate 20 dwellings which is a small contribution to housing need, minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/-?	<p>The site comprises greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is small in size (0.66ha) a minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects will be uncertain depending on the design of the development which is not known at this stage.</p> <p>The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the negative uncertain effect is combined with a minor positive effect.</p>
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site is not located in, adjacent to or in close proximity to a designated or undesignated heritage asset and therefore a negligible effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	-?	The site is small but is located on greenfield land. The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be affected where development takes place on greenfield land. However, effects are uncertain depending on the design of the development and the contribution the land makes to the local distinctiveness and setting of an area. A minor negative uncertain effect is expected.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is small (0.66ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	-?	The site is small in size (0.66ha) located on greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources given that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.

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		The site does not intersect with and is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore will not sterilise mineral resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County. Overall, a minor negative uncertain effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station, however. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is located within 1km of the River Wye which has been designated as an SAC and SSSI. The site is also located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone. Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	0	The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis and it is assumed to be of low sensitivity. The site is not within a Green Infrastructure Corridor or Enhancement Zone. A negligible effect in relation to this SA objective is identified.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County therefore increasing overall flood risk. The site is not within a Flood Zone 3 area therefore a minor negative effect is expected.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	The site is within 800m of bus stops and cycle paths. The location of new sites can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. The site is not within an AQMA or likely to generate traffic that uses an AQMA route as its primary access. Therefore a minor positive effect is identified in relation to this element of the objective. The site is not at risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways and therefore will have a negligible effect on this element of the SA objective. Overall a minor positive effect is expected.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	Although the site is small it comprises greenfield land which is classed as Grade 2 agricultural land according to the Agricultural Land Classification. An overall uncertain significant negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.

Tup28: Land at Broadlands Lane

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	+	All residential site options are located within Hereford which is the main employment centre in the County. The city also benefits from good sustainable transport links which will enable new residents to access job opportunities further away from the site. A minor positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	++?	The site is within 500m of Broadlands Primary School and 1km of Aylestone Business and Enterprise College and Hereford Sixth Form College. A significant positive effect is identified, although this is uncertain and will depend on there being capacity at those education facilities to accommodate new pupils which is not known at this stage.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	+/-?	<p>The site is not within walking distance (800m) of a GP surgery or hospital. However, the site is within 800m of cycle paths and public rights of way. The site is within 800m of open space and recreation/sports facilities including Aylestone park immediately to the east and sports facilities and play space to the south west of the site. Residential developments that are within walking distance of healthcare facilities (i.e. GP surgeries or hospitals), sports and recreation facilities/open spaces, public rights of way and cycle routes will ensure that residents have good access to healthcare facilities and may encourage more journeys on foot or by bicycle and to be active in sports facilities or on open space, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this element of the SA objective.</p> <p>This site however contains an area of safeguarded open space (playing fields) which may be lost as a result of residential development at this location meaning that the positive effect is combined with an minor negative uncertain effect.</p>
6: Improve public realm	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	A negligible effect is identified for this SA objective.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	+	<p>The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to easily access services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, further afield. The site is not located with close proximity of a railway station, however.</p> <p>The site is not situated in an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Barriers to Housing and Services' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation.</p> <p>Overall, a minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.</p>
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities. The site is not located with close proximity of a railway station, however. Therefore a minor positive effect is expected.

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10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is located within walking distance of educational, recreational/sporting and leisure facilities (including a number of open space areas and St Barnabas Church Centre) and within walking distance of bus stops, cycle paths and public rights of way. Sites that are within walking distance (800m) of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that residents and employees (particularly those without a car) will be more easily able to access those facilities. Good public transport links will also be beneficial as they will enable residents and employees to reach services and facilities that are further away without having to rely on the use of private cars. A minor positive effect is expected in relation to this objective.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	+	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.5ha) it is assumed that fewer opportunities will result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	+	All residential sites are expected to have a positive effect on this SA objective, due to the nature of the proposed development. It is assumed that all housing sites will make provision for affordable housing (either onsite or by way of financial contribution). As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.5ha) it is considered likely that the number of new homes that could be accommodated would be less than might be the case at larger sites. A minor positive effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	-?/+	<p>The site comprises greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is small in size (0.5ha) a minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects will be uncertain depending on the design of the development which is not known at this stage.</p> <p>The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the negative effect expected is likely to be combined with a minor positive effect.</p>
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site is not located in, adjacent to or in close proximity to a designated or undesignated heritage asset and therefore a negligible effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	-?	The site is small but is located on greenfield land. The character of settlements and neighbourhoods is more likely to be affected where development takes place on greenfield land. However, effects are uncertain depending on the design of the development and the contribution the land makes to the local distinctiveness and setting of an area. A minor negative uncertain effect is expected.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	-?	While the location of residential site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County, new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this residential site is relatively small in size (0.5ha) an uncertain minor negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.

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17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	-?	<p>The site is small in size (0.5ha) located on greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources given that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage</p> <p>The site does not intersect with and is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore will not sterilise mineral resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County.</p> <p>Overall, a minor negative uncertain effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	<p>The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable residents to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access services, facilities and job opportunities thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station, however. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective</p>
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	<p>The site is located within 1km of the Lugg And Hampton Meadows SSSI. There is a SINC directly to the south of the site, and a number of special wildlife sites and priority lowland meadow habitat are present within 1km of the site. The site is also located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone. Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.</p>
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	<p>The site is not within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis and it is assumed to be of low sensitivity. The site is however located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.</p>
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	<p>This residential site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	<p>The site is located on greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County therefore increasing overall flood risk. The site is not within a Flood Zone 3 area therefore a minor negative effect is expected.</p>
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	<p>The site is within 800m of bus stops and cycle paths. The location of new sites can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. The site is not within an AQMA or likely to generate traffic that uses an AQMA route as its primary access Therefore a minor positive effect is identified in relation to this element of the objective.</p> <p>The site is not at risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways and therefore will have a negligible effect on this element of the SA objective.</p>

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		Overall a minor positive effect is expected.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	-?	The site comprises greenfield land which is classed as Grade 3 agricultural land according to the Agricultural Land Classification. An overall uncertain minor negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.

Appendix 5

Detailed SA matrices for the employment site options

ES1: Land at Livestock Market

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	++	The development of new employment sites is likely to enhance the provision of employment opportunities in the county. As this is a large site (28.08ha) it is expected to offer greater potential to accommodate a variety of businesses which is likely to help increase diversity of job opportunities. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	++	The development of new employment sites will help to support the new business opportunities in Herefordshire as well as improving opportunities for work-based training and skills development. As this is a large site (28.08ha) it is expected to offer greater potential to accommodate a variety of businesses which is likely to help improve the resilience of the economy and diversity of business. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	The effects of all employment site options in relation to this SA objective will be negligible.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	++	The impact of new employment development on this SA objective is likely to be positive as it should result in improved opportunities for work-based training and skills development. The extent of the positive impact will be affected by the size of the employment site as larger sites are likely to offer particularly good opportunities for higher numbers of people to obtain new skills and training opportunities. The site is large (28.08ha) therefore a significant positive effect is identified.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	Employment developments that are within walking distance of existing sports and recreation facilities/open spaces, public rights of way and cycle routes will ensure that employees have good access to walking and cycle links which may encourage them to commute on foot or by bicycle and to be active in sports facilities or on open space during breaks from work, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles. The site is within walking distance of open space including playing fields to the west and south east of the site, as well as cycle networks and public rights of way. Therefore a significant positive effect is expected in relation to this objective.
6: Improve public realm	0	The effects of all employment site options in relation to this SA objective will be negligible.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	The effects of all employment site options in relation to this SA objective will be negligible.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	0	Employment sites within one of the 20% most deprived areas (according to the 'Employment Deprivation' domain in the English Indices of Deprivation) will provide employment opportunities in the most deprived areas of Herefordshire. The site is not within one of the 20% most deprived areas therefore the impact on this SA objective is negligible.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, cycle paths and public rights of way which may encourage employees of the site to use more sustainable transport when travelling to or from work. Therefore a minor positive effect is expected.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community	+	Employment sites that are within walking distance (800m) of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that employees (particularly those without a car) will be more easily able to access those facilities before, during or after work. Good

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activities for all		public transport links will also be beneficial as they will enable employees to reach services and facilities that are further away without having to rely on the use of private cars. The site is within 800m of a number of bus stops, cycle paths and public rights of way, as well as open space. A minor positive effect is expected.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	++	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this employment site is large in size (28.08ha) it is considered likely that more opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	0	The effects of all employment site options in relation to this SA objective will be negligible.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	--?/+	Development on brownfield land represents a more efficient use of land in comparison to the development of greenfield land as there are opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. The site is large (28.08ha) and is mainly on greenfield land. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage. A significant negative uncertain effect is therefore given for this element of the SA objective. Sites which are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport are expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use. The site is within 800m of bus stops, cycle paths and public rights of way, therefore a minor positive effect is given. Overall, a significant negative uncertain effect is mixed with a minor positive effect.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	-?	This site is in close proximity to the Huntington Conservation Area, which is likely to have intervisibility with the site. Given that the site is on greenfield land, the development of such could adversely affect the Conservation Area's setting, owing to a minor negative effect. The effect is uncertain, however, as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	--?	Where sites are on brownfield land there may be particularly good opportunities for improving the appearance of the built environment by replacing older and possibly derelict buildings with high quality new development. The site is large (28.08ha) and is located mainly on greenfield land, therefore, overall an uncertain significant negative effect is expected. However, this is uncertain as it depends largely on the appearance of the development in comparison to what was on the site previously, and the contribution the land makes to the local distinctiveness and setting of an area.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	--?	While the location of employment site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this employment site is large in size (28.08ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	--?	The site is large (28.08ha) and is mainly on greenfield land. The site also intersects a Mineral Safeguarding Area which may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the county. Furthermore, the location of development sites on greenfield land limits the opportunity for

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		prudent and efficient use of natural resources as there may be fewer opportunities for the re-use/enhancement of existing buildings thereby minimising the need for new buildings. A significant negative effect is expected overall. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable employees to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access the site, as well as nearby services and facilities, thereby limiting car use and the associated greenhouse gas emissions. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station, however. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is not located within 1km of a nationally or internationally designated biodiversity site. Furthermore it does not contain any locally designated sites, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. However it is located in a Green Infrastructure Corridor (according to the Green Infrastructure Strategy). Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is located within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis as having 'medium-low' sensitivity. The site is however located within a Green Infrastructure Corridor and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	-?	This employment site is located within a Source Protection Zone and as such its development presents a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. The effect is however uncertain until such time as the detailed design of development which comes forward at the site is known. An uncertain minor negative effect is therefore likely in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located mainly on greenfield land outside of Flood Zone 3. However a small part of the north west of the site does partly intersect Flood Zone 3. New development on greenfield land would increase the area of impermeable surfaces and could therefore increase overall flood risk, particularly where the sites are large in size. Therefore a minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	The site is within 800m of bus stops and cycle paths. The location of new sites can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. The site is not within an AQMA or likely to generate traffic that uses an AQMA route as its primary access. Therefore a minor positive effect is identified in relation to this element of the objective. The site is not close to a waste treatment facility, and is not at risk from exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways and therefore will have a negligible effect on this element of the SA objective. Overall a minor positive effect is expected.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and		The site is large and comprises greenfield land which is classed as Grade 2 agricultural land according

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resources	--?	to the Agricultural Land Classification. An overall uncertain significant negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.

ES3: Land to the west of Ross Road A49

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	++	The development of new employment sites is likely to enhance the provision of employment opportunities in the county. As this is a large site (36.49ha) it is expected to offer greater potential to accommodate a variety of businesses which is likely to help increase diversity of job opportunities. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	++	The development of new employment sites will help to support the new business opportunities in Herefordshire as well as improving opportunities for work-based training and skills development. As this is a large site (36.49ha) it is expected to offer greater potential to accommodate a variety of businesses which is likely to help improve the resilience of the economy and diversity of business. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	The effects of all employment site options in relation to this SA objective will be negligible.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	++	The impact of new employment development on this SA objective is likely to be positive as it should result in improved opportunities for work-based training and skills development. The extent of the positive impact will be affected by the size of the employment site as larger sites are likely to offer particularly good opportunities for higher numbers of people to obtain new skills and training opportunities. The site is large (36.49ha) therefore a significant positive effect is identified.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	Employment developments that are within walking distance of existing sports and recreation facilities/open spaces, public rights of way, local cycle routes will ensure that employees have good access to walking and cycle links which may encourage them to commute on foot or by bicycle and to be active in sports facilities or on open space during breaks from work, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles. The site is within walking distance of open space including a large public park to the north west of the site, as well as cycle networks and public rights of way. Therefore a significant positive effect is expected in relation to this objective.
6: Improve public realm	0	The effects of all employment site options in relation to this SA objective will be negligible.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	The effects of all employment site options in relation to this SA objective will be negligible.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	0	The site is not located within one of the 20% most deprived areas (according to the 'Employment Deprivation' domain in the English Indices of Deprivation). Therefore a negligible effect in relation to this objective is expected.

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9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local and national cycle paths which will enable employees to make use of non-car based modes of transport when travelling to and from work. The site is not located with close proximity of a railway station, however. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, local and national cycle paths and open spaces. A minor positive effect is identified as employment sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that employees will be able to access these facilities easily. Good public transport links will also be beneficial as they will enable employees to reach services and facilities that are further away without having to rely on the use of private cars.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	++	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this employment site is large in size (36.49ha) it is considered likely that more opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	0	The effects of all employment site options in relation to this SA objective will be negligible.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	--?/+	The site comprises greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is large in size (36.49ha) a significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects will be uncertain depending on the design of the development which is not known at this stage. The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel by employees, thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the significant negative uncertain effect is combined with a minor positive effect.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site is not located in, adjacent to or in close proximity to a designated or undesignated heritage asset and therefore a negligible effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as it will depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	--?	The site is large in size (36.49ha) and located on greenfield land and its development may adversely impact upon the character of the surrounding area. A significant negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	--?	While the location of employment site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
		stage. As this employment site is relatively large in size (36.49ha) a significant negative uncertain effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	--?	<p>The site is large in size (36.49ha) located on greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources give that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage</p> <p>The site intersects with a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore may sterilise mineral resources and restrict the availability of resources in the County, and this contributes to the negative effect given.</p> <p>Overall, a significant negative uncertain effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable employees to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access the site, as well as nearby services and facilities, thereby limiting car use and the associated greenhouse gas emissions. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station, however. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is not located within 1km of a nationally or internationally designated biodiversity site. Furthermore it does not contain any locally designated sites, an area of ancient woodland or an area listed on the Priority Habitat Inventory. However it is located in a Green Infrastructure Corridor (according to the Green Infrastructure Strategy). Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is located within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis as having 'medium-low' sensitivity. The site is however located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This employment site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County therefore increasing overall flood risk. The site is not within a Flood Zone 3 area therefore a minor negative effect is expected.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	--/+	<p>The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor.</p> <p>The site intersects a high noise zone around Ross Road. Therefore a significant negative effect is</p>

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
		expected in relation to noise. Overall a mixed minor positive and significant negative effect is expected.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	The site is large and contains greenfield land which is classed as Grade 2 agricultural land according to the Agricultural Land Classification. An overall uncertain significant negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.

ES4: Land to the East of Ross Road A49

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	++	The development of new employment sites is likely to enhance the provision of employment opportunities in the county. As this is a relatively larger site (36.35ha) it is expected to offer greater potential to accommodate a variety of businesses which is likely to help increase diversity of job opportunities. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	++	The development of new employment sites will help to support the new business opportunities in Herefordshire as well as improving opportunities for work-based training and skills development. As this is a relatively larger site (36.35ha) it is expected to offer greater potential to accommodate a variety of businesses which is likely to help improve the resilience of the economy and diversity of business. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	The effects of all employment site options in relation to this SA objective will be negligible.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	++	The impact of new employment development on this SA objective is likely to be positive as it should result in improved opportunities for work-based training and skills development. The extent of the positive impact will be affected by the size of the employment site as larger sites are likely to offer particularly good opportunities for higher numbers of people to obtain new skills and training opportunities. The site is large (36.35ha) therefore a significant positive effect is identified.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	Employment developments that are within walking distance of existing sports and recreation facilities/open spaces, public rights of way, local cycle routes will ensure that employees have good access to walking and cycle links which may encourage them to commute on foot or by bicycle and to be active in sports facilities or on open space during breaks from work, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles. The site is within 800m of several areas of open spaces, the nearest being areas of safeguarded open space and play space situated north of the site a large public park to the north west of the site, as well as cycle networks and public rights of way. Therefore a significant positive effect is expected in relation to this objective.

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
6: Improve public realm	0	The effects of all employment site options in relation to this SA objective will be negligible.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	The effects of all employment site options in relation to this SA objective will be negligible.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	0	The site is not located within one of the 20% most deprived areas (according to the 'Employment Deprivation' domain in the English Indices of Deprivation). Therefore a negligible effect in relation to this objective is expected.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local and national cycle paths which will enable employees to make use of non-car based modes of transport when travelling to and from work. The site is not located with close proximity of a railway station, however. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, local and national cycle paths and open spaces. The site is also within 800m of Saxon Community Hall and within 1000m of the Hereford Academy. A minor positive effect is identified as employment sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that employees will be more easily able to access these facilities before, during and after work. Good public transport links will also be beneficial as they will enable residents to reach services and facilities that are further away without having to rely on the use of private cars.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	++	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this employment site is large in size (36.35ha) it is considered likely that more opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	0	The effects of all employment site options in relation to this SA objective will be negligible.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	--?/+	The site comprises greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is large in size (36.35ha) a significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects will be uncertain depending on the design of the development which is not known at this stage. The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the significant negative uncertain effect is combined with a minor positive effect.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site is not located in, adjacent to or in close proximity to a designated or undesignated heritage asset and therefore a negligible effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect is uncertain as it will

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		depend on the design, scale and layout of the development which is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	--?	The site is large in size (36.35ha) located on greenfield land and its development may adversely impact upon the character of the surrounding area. A significant negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	--?	While the location of employment site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this employment site is relatively large in size (36.35ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	--?	The site is large in size (35.35ha) located on greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources give that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. The site does not intersect with and is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore will not sterilise mineral resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County. Overall, a significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable employees to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access the site and surrounding services and facilities thereby limiting car use and associated greenhouse gas emissions. The site is not located within close proximity of a railway station, however. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is located within 1km of the River Wye which has been designated as a SSSI and SAC and is also within 250m of a number of SINCS. It is also within a Green Infrastructure Corridor and Enhancement Zone (according to the Green Infrastructure Strategy). Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is partly within an area classified as high-medium sensitivity in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis. The site is also located in a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and green Infrastructure Corridor. Development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of	0	This employment site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater

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water		sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	--	The site is located on greenfield land the development of which could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County. Parts of the site are also within Flood Zone 3. A significant negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	--/+	The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor. The site intersects a high noise zone around Ross Road. Therefore a significant negative effect is expected in relation to noise. Overall a mixed minor positive and significant negative effect is expected.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	The site is large and comprises greenfield land which is classed as Grade 2 agricultural land according to the Agricultural Land Classification. An overall uncertain significant negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.

ES5: Land north of Roman Road

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	++	The development of new employment sites is likely to enhance the provision of employment opportunities in the county. As this is a relatively larger site (10.09ha) it is expected to offer greater potential to accommodate a variety of businesses which is likely to help increase diversity of job opportunities. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	++	The development of new employment sites will help to support the new business opportunities in Herefordshire as well as improving opportunities for work-based training and skills development. As this is a relatively larger site (10.09ha) it is expected to offer greater potential to accommodate a variety of businesses which is likely to help improve the resilience of the economy and diversity of business. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	The effects of all employment site options in relation to this SA objective will be negligible.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	++	The impact of new employment development on this SA objective is likely to be positive as it should result in improved opportunities for work-based training and skills development. As this site is a relatively large site (10.09ha) it is expected that it would be capable of supporting a higher number of work-based training and skills development programmes. As such a significant positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.

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5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and encourage healthy living for all	++	The site is within 800m of several areas of open spaces, the nearest being the play space at Red Norman Rise within 110m to the west. There is also a local cycle network route and PRoW which are both located at the western edge of the site. A significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective as employees may be encouraged by the close proximity of the PRoW and cycle path to undertake journeys by more active modes of transport and to be active at open spaces particularly outside of working hours, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.
6: Improve public realm	0	The effects of all employment site options in relation to this SA objective will be negligible.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	The effects of all employment site options in relation to this SA objective will be negligible.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	0	The site is not located within an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Employment Deprivation' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. As such a negligible effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable employees to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access employment opportunities at the site as well as services and facilities outside of working hours. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths as well as a number of sport and recreation facilities/open spaces. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified as employment sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that employees will be more easily able to access these facilities particularly outside of working hours.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	++	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this employment site is relatively large in size (10.09ha) it is considered likely that more opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	0	The effects of all employment site options in relation to this SA objective will be negligible.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/--?	The site comprises greenfield land. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is relatively large in size (10.09ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use

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		meaning the negative effect expected is likely to be combined with a minor positive effect.
14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site does not contain and is not adjacent to a heritage asset and does not form part of a gap between existing developments. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that design of the development is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	--?	The site is relatively large in size (10.09ha) located on greenfield land and its development may adversely impact upon the character of the surrounding area. A significant negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	--?	While the location of employment site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this employment site is relatively large in size (10.09ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	--?	<p>The site is relatively large in size (10.09ha) located on greenfield land. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources given that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.</p> <p>The site does not intersect with and is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore will not sterilise mineral resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County.</p> <p>Overall, an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.</p>
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable employees to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access employment opportunities at the site as well as services and facilities outside of working hours thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is located within 1km of the Lugg And Hampton Meadows SSSI. The site is also located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone. Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is located mostly within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis as having ' medium-low ' sensitivity. The site is however located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green

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		infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This employment site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on greenfield land. As such development at the site could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County. However, the site is located outside of Flood Zones 2 and 3. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	--?	The site is relatively large in size (10.09ha) and comprises greenfield land. This land is classified as Grade 3 land according to the Agricultural Land Classification. An overall uncertain significant negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Furthermore the provision of new development at this location would likely result in the loss of access to relatively good value agricultural soil.

ES6: Land at Rotherwas

SA Objective	SA Score	Justification/Commentary
1: Support, maintain or enhance the provision of high quality, local or easily accessible employment opportunities, suited to the changing needs of the local workforce	++	The development of new employment sites is likely to enhance the provision of employment opportunities in the county. As this is a relatively large site (8.32ha) it is expected to offer greater potential to accommodate a variety of businesses which is likely to help increase diversity of job opportunities. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
2: Maintain or enhance conditions that enable a sustainable economy and continued investment	++	The development of new employment sites will help to support the new business opportunities in Herefordshire as well as improving opportunities for work-based training and skills development. As this is a relatively large site (8.32ha) it is expected to offer greater potential to accommodate a variety of businesses which is likely to help improve the resilience of the economy and diversity of business. A significant positive effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
3: Sustainable regeneration	0	The effects of all employment site options in relation to this SA objective will be negligible.
4: Raise educational achievements throughout the county	++	The impact of new employment development on this SA objective is likely to be positive as it should result in improved opportunities for work-based training and skills development. As this site is a relatively large site (8.32ha) it is expected that it would be capable of supporting a higher number of work-based training and skills development programmes. As such a significant positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
5: Improve the health of the people of Herefordshire, reduce disparities in health geographically and demographically, and	++	The site is within 800m of several areas of open spaces, the nearest being an area of open space associated with religious grounds on Watery Lane within 365m to the north west. There is also a local cycle network route and PRoW which are within 430m to the north and within 35m to the west

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encourage healthy living for all		respectively. A significant positive effect is identified for this SA objective as employees may be encouraged by the close proximity of the PRoW and cycle path to undertake journeys by more active modes of transport and to be active at open spaces particularly outside of working hours, thus promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.
6: Improve public realm	0	The effects of all employment site options in relation to this SA objective will be negligible.
7: Reduce and prevent crime/fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the county	0	The effects of all employment site options in relation to this SA objective will be negligible.
8: Reduce poverty and, promote equality and social inclusion by closing the gap between the most deprived areas in the county and the rest of the county	0	The site is not located within an area classed as being in the 20% most deprived for 'Employment Deprivation' in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. As such a negligible effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
9: Reduce road traffic and congestion, pollution and accidents and improve health through physical activity by increasing the proportion of journeys made by public transport, cycling and walking	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which will enable employees to make use of non-car based modes of transport to access employment opportunities at the site as well as services and facilities outside of working hours. However, the site is not located with close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified for this SA objective.
10: Improve equality of access to and engagement in quality cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community activities for all	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths as well as a number of sport and recreation facilities/open spaces. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. A minor positive effect is identified as employment sites within walking distance of cultural, educational, leisure, sporting, recreational and community services and facilities will ensure that employees will be more easily able to access these facilities particularly outside of working hours.
11: Improve access to services and facilities	++	It is considered likely that new development of any type in the County would support the viability or provision of existing and new services and facilities appropriate to the community. As this employment site is relatively large in size (8.32ha) it is considered likely that more opportunities would result for the development of community services and facilities in Herefordshire than might be the case at smaller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore identified for this SA objective.
12: Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing of the right type and tenure, in clear, safe and pleasant local environments	0	The effects of all employment site options in relation to this SA objective will be negligible.
13: Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use	+/-?	The site comprises mostly greenfield land with a number of smaller buildings located towards the northern and south western edges. Development on greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield land as there are likely to be fewer opportunities for the reuse of buildings and materials. As the site is relatively large in size (8.32ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective. The site is located within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths but not a railway station. As such the relatively good level of accessibility of the site by sustainable modes of transport is expected to reduce the need to travel thereby ensuring integrated and efficient land use meaning the negative effect expected is likely to be combined with a minor positive effect.

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14: Value, protect and enhance the county's historic environment and cultural heritage	0?	The site does not contain and is not adjacent to a heritage asset and does not form part of a gap between existing developments. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective. The effect is uncertain given that design of the development is unknown at this stage.
15: Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods	--?	The site is relatively large in size (8.32ha) located on mostly greenfield land (although there are a small number of buildings located towards the site's northern and south western edges) and its development may adversely impact upon the character of the surrounding area. A significant negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage.
16: Reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal and minimise the use of non-reusable materials and encourage recycling	--?	While the location of employment site options is not expected to affect waste generation and rates of recycling in the County new development of any type will inevitably involve an increase in waste generation, particularly where sites are larger in size. New developments may however offer opportunities to incorporate sustainable waste management practices although this is uncertain at this stage. As this employment site is relatively large in size (8.32ha) an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
17: Use natural resources and energy more efficiently	--?	The site is relatively large in size (8.32ha) located on mostly greenfield land although it is recognised that there are a small number of buildings towards the site's northern and south western edges. Development of this site is unlikely to maximise the potential for prudent and efficient use of natural resources given that opportunities for the reuse/enhancement of existing buildings are likely to be reduced. Effects are uncertain given that they will be dependent largely on the design of any development coming forward which is unknown at this stage. The site does not intersect with and is not located within close proximity of a Mineral Safeguarding Area and therefore will not sterilise mineral resources or restrict the availability of resources in the County. Overall, an uncertain significant negative effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
18: Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem	+	The site is within 800m of numerous bus stops and local cycle paths which will enable employees to make use of sustainable modes of transport to access employment opportunities at the site as well as services and facilities outside of working hours thereby limiting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions. However, the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station. As such a minor positive effect is expected in relation to this SA objective.
19: Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity	-?	The site is located within 1km of the River Wye which has been designated as an SSSI and SAC to the north west. Most of the site is also located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone. Effects relating to biodiversity in the County are uncertain as appropriate mitigation may avoid adverse effects and may even result in beneficial effects. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified in relation to this SA objective.
20: Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces	-?	The site is located mostly within an area classified in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis as having 'high-medium' sensitivity . The site is also located within a Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zone and development at this location could contribute to the fragmentation of this area of green infrastructure thereby reducing its positive contribution to character and local distinctiveness. Overall an uncertain minor negative effect is identified for this SA objective. The effect recorded is uncertain given that the design of any development coming forward may include mitigation which

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		could limit any adverse impacts in terms of the integrity of the surrounding area of green infrastructure.
21: Value, protect and enhance the quality of watercourses and maximise the efficient use of water	0	This employment site option is not located within a Source Protection Zone and therefore its development would not be considered to present a potential risk of contamination to local groundwater sources. A negligible effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
22: Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment	-	The site is located on mostly greenfield land although it is recognised that there are a small number of buildings towards the site's northern and south western edges. As such development at the site could result in an increase in impermeable surfaces in the County. However, the site is located outside of Flood Zones 2 and 3. A minor negative effect is therefore expected in relation to this SA objective.
23: Minimise noise, light and air pollution	+	The site is not within an AQMA and is within 800m of numerous bus stops, and local cycle paths which can help achieve the objectives of Air Quality Management Plans by increasing the accessibility to public transport, and facilitating cycling and walking. As the site is not located within close proximity of a railway station the positive effect expected in relation to this SA objective is minor.
24: Value, protect and enhance soil quality and resources	-?	The site is relatively large in size (8.32ha) and comprises mostly greenfield land although it is recognised that a number of buildings are within the sites boundaries at the northern and southern edges. Most of this land is classified as Grade 3 land according to the Agricultural Land Classification with some of the land to the south west classified as Grade 2 land. An overall uncertain significant negative effect is therefore expected as development of greenfield land represents a less efficient use of land in comparison to the development of brownfield sites. Furthermore the provision of new development at this location would likely result in the loss of access to relatively good value agricultural soil.

Appendix 6

Background to identification of residential and employment site options and reasons for selecting/discounting site options

Table 4 Background to identification of sites and reasons for selecting/discounting site options

Site Ref	Site Name	Source	Assessed as having further potential in the Housing Topic Paper (April 2017)	Reasons for selecting or rejecting the site for further assessment in the Interim SA of the HAP DPD 2018	Area	Capacity	Additional site information provided by Herefordshire Council	Selected as a potential development site
Ayl01	Rockfield Road	HELAA	No	The site was not considered suitable for further assessment in the Housing Topic Paper as its availability was unknown at that time. Following consultation with the HAP Reference Group and a Officer Working Group, sites where availability was unknown but were generally acceptable in terms of suitability are being subject to further assessment in this SA.	1.3	0	A Land Registry search revealed the site is in multiple ownership and is deemed to be a site with 'no potential' for Site Options consultation.	No
Ayl14	Aylestone Park	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	2.2	0	No potential due to the level of progress and investment on the site as a playing pitch.	No
Ayl15	Land at Walney House Farm	HELAA/ Representation	No	The site was considered unsuitable for further assessment in the Housing Topic Paper (appeal dismissed 140963). There was a representation on the omission of the site from the list of potential sites and therefore it is subject to further assessment in this SA.	7.0	0	Site discounted as unsuitable for development as the landscape matters discussed at appeal are still relevant.	No
Ayl16	Land north of St Francis Xavier's school	In-house knowledge/ Available council owned land	Not assessed in the Housing Topic Paper	Available greenfield site within the Hereford Area Plan boundary.	0.6	10		Yes
Bel08	Former golf club Belmont	Call for sites/ Representation	Not assessed in the Housing Topic Paper	The site was submitted as part of the Call for Sites carried out at Issues and Options stage.	12.9	50		Yes
Bel13	Land at Merryhill Farm	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	5.4	0	Site has no potential for development due to its high sensitivity in landscape terms and as it is an important agricultural field.	No
Bel14	Argyll Rise, HR2 7BN	In-house knowledge/ Available housing land	Not assessed in the Housing Topic Paper	Available greenfield site within the Hereford Area Plan boundary.	1.4	20		Yes
Bel15	Home Farm	Late submission from developer	Not assessed in the Housing Topic Paper	Application (S122747/O) for residential development for up to 85 dwellings was dismissed on appeal and therefore, the site is no longer considered to have potential for development.	5.4	0	No potential for development as an application for residential development for up to 85 dwellings was dismissed on appeal on landscape and ecological concerns.	No
Bur09	Land at Cot Barn Farm	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	29.2	435		Yes
Bur10	Land adjacent to Meadow Bank	HELAA	No	Error in discounting the site for further assessment in the Housing Topic Paper and therefore the site is subject to further	1.1	0	Site has no potential due to position in final phase of the road corridor	No

				assessment in this SA.				
Bur12	Land to the West of Burcott Farm	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	2.9	0	Site has no potential due to position in final phase of the road corridor	No
Bur17	Land at Burcott Farm	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	4.4	0	Site has no potential due to position in final phase of the road corridor	No
Bur18	Land adjacent to Rose Gardens Public House	HELAA	No	Error in discounting the site for further assessment in the Housing Topic Paper and therefore the site is subject to further assessment in this SA.	1.1	0	Site has no potential due to position in final phase of the road corridor	No
Bur21	Land opposite Staniers Way	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	1.6	0	Site has no potential due to position in final phase of the road corridor	No
Bur23	Land adjacent to the Willows	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	3.5	0	Site has no potential due to position in final phase of the road corridor. Site identified as a potential employment site together with Bur31	No
Bur29	Land adjacent to the Rose Gardens	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	1.9	0	Site has no potential due to position in final phase of the road corridor	No
Bur30	Land at Attwood Lane	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	6.5	0	Site has no potential due to position in final phase of the road corridor as well as additional landscape and access issues	No
Bur31	Part of Burcott Farm	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	6.5	0	Site has no potential due to position in final phase of the road corridor. Site identified as a potential employment site together with Bur23	No
Bur32	The Orchard, Lyde	Submission from landowner	Not assessed in the Housing Topic Paper	Identified as a potentially developable site by the landowner.	0.8	25		Yes
Cen08	Car park opposite John Haider building	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	0.4	30		Yes
Cen21	Edgar Street Grid	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	11.2	300		Yes
Cen22	Land at Bus Station/Car park	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	1.5	90		Yes
Cen 23	County Offices Bath Street	HELAA	Yes	The site was considered to have potential for further assessment in the Housing Topic Paper. However, it has subsequently been discounted as it has planning permission for 75 apartments.				
Cen27	Police Station, Bath Street	In house knowledge of police to relocate	Not assessed in the Housing Topic Paper	Potentially available brownfield site within the Hereford Area Plan boundary.	0.4	25		Yes

Cen28	Fire Station, St Owens Street	In house knowledge of fire service to relocate	Not assessed in the Housing Topic Paper	Potentially available brownfield site within the Hereford Area Plan boundary.	0.2	15	Yes
Cen29	Wyebridge Motors	In house knowledge - landowner has indicated that land could be developed	Not assessed in the Housing Topic Paper	Potentially available brownfield site within the Hereford Area Plan boundary.	0.1	10	Yes
Cen30	Land at Symonds Street	In house knowledge - parking rationalisation	Not assessed in the Housing Topic Paper	Potentially available brownfield site within the Hereford Area Plan boundary.	0.2	12	Yes
Cen31	Land adjacent to Union Walk car park	In house knowledge - parking rationalisation	Not assessed in the Housing Topic Paper	Potentially available brownfield site within the Hereford Area Plan boundary.	0.2	10	Site has potential but it is a small site- dependant on availability Yes
Cen32	Land between Bath Street and Gaol Street	In house knowledge - parking rationalisation	Not assessed in the Housing Topic Paper	Potentially available brownfield site within the Hereford Area Plan boundary.	0.2	0	Site contains the Hereford city walls, ramparts and ditch Scheduled Monument and is not considered further for development. No
Cre25	Wyevale nurseries	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	7.6	200	Yes
Hol12a	Land at Bullingham Lane	HELAA	Not assessed in the Housing Topic Paper	Site omitted in error from the Housing Topic Paper. Site is identified as a potentially developable site.	9.5	70	Yes
Hol12b	Land East of Bullingham Lane	HELAA	Not assessed in the Housing Topic Paper	Site omitted in error from the Housing Topic Paper. Site is identified as a potentially developable site.	12.3	190	Yes
Hol13	Grafton Lane	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	34.6	155	Yes
Hol14	Grafton Haulage	Previously for sale (HC Property Register)	Not assessed in the Housing Topic Paper	Identified as a potentially developable brownfield site.	0.9	25	Yes
Stm01	Land north of Redhill Cottages	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	6.4	125	Yes
Stm05	Land opposite Leys Farm	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	2.5	65	Yes
Stm17	Land to rear of Grafton House	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	2.0	50	Yes
Stn05	Former health authority offices	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	0.4	25	Yes
Stn21	Former bus depot, Friar Street	Planning application	Not assessed in the Housing Topic Paper	Identified as a potentially developable brownfield site.	0.5	35	Yes
Thr19	Land adjacent to Wyevale	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	11.7	260	Yes
Thr21	Land west of Huntington Lane	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	2.9	75	Yes

Thr22	Land east of Huntington Lane	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	1.4	35		Yes
Thr23	Land north of Lower Hill Farm	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	64.8	420		Yes
Thr24	Lower Hill Farm	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	16.2	0	Site was discounted as it is within a highly sensitive landscape.	No
Thr26a	Land at Huntington	HELAA	No	Error in discounting the site for further assessment in the Housing Topic Paper as it was thought it was part of the strategic site application (Thr26).	23.5	520		Yes
Thr28	Bay Horse Motors	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	0.4	0	Close to preferred route land may be required for junction space	No
Thr29	Hereford Racecourse	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	2.7	70		Yes
Thr30	Former Sportsman Pub	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper. The site is not capable of delivering 10 or more dwellings for highways reasons.	0.4	0	Site is discounted as it has no potential to deliver 10 or more dwellings for highway reasons.	No
Thr32	Land off Whitecross Road	HELAA	No	The site was not considered suitable for further assessment in the Housing Topic Paper as its availability was unknown at that time. Following consultation with the HAP Reference Group and a Officer Working Group, sites where availability was unknown but were generally acceptable in terms of suitability are being subject to further assessment in this SA.	0.7	35		Yes
Thr34	Faraday Road	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	1.7	100		Yes
Thr35	Wyevale Garden Centre	HELAA	Yes	Identified as a potentially developable site in the Housing Topic Paper.	3.0	80		Yes
Thr37	Land at Grandstand Road (north)	In-house knowledge/ Available council owned land	Not assessed in the Housing Topic Paper	Available greenfield site within the Hereford Area Plan boundary.	0.5	15		Yes
Tup01	Brockington Council Offices, Hafod Road	HELAA	Yes	The site was considered to have potential for further assessment in the Housing Topic Paper. However, it has subsequently been discounted as it has planning permission for a care home.				
Tup20	Bartonsham Farm Dairy	HELAA	No	The site was not considered suitable for further assessment in the Housing Topic Paper as it contained land within flood zone 3. There was subsequently a representation on the site's omission from list of potential sites. The site area has been reduced to omit the area within flood zone 3 and is being subject to further assessment in this SA.	0.5	0	Site is discounted as there are significant constraints relating to odour, traffic and archaeology.	No

Tup22	TA site	HELAA	No	The site was not considered suitable for further assessment in the Housing Topic Paper as it is public sector land and it's availability was unknown at that time. Following consultation with the HAP Reference Group and a Officer Working Group, sites where availability was unknown but were generally acceptable in terms of suitability are being subject to further assessment in this SA.	0.3	20		Yes
Tup25	Land adjacent to Foley Trading Estate (Tup02)	In-house knowledge/ Available council owned land	Not assessed in the Housing Topic Paper	Available greenfield site within the Hereford Area Plan boundary.	0.5	10		Yes
Tup26	Land at Queenswood Drive	In-house knowledge/ Available council owned land	Not assessed in the Housing Topic Paper	Available greenfield site within the Hereford Area Plan boundary.	0.6	20		Yes
Tup27	Land at the Paddock, Hampton Dene Road	In-house knowledge/ Available council owned land	Not assessed in the Housing Topic Paper	Available greenfield site within the Hereford Area Plan boundary.	0.7	20		Yes
Tup28	Land at Broadlands Lane	In-house knowledge/ Available council owned land	Not assessed in the Housing Topic Paper	Available greenfield site within the Hereford Area Plan boundary.	0.5	0	Acceptable access will be difficult to achieve. Landscape constraints limit the potential capacity of the site to a low number of dwellings therefore no potential as an allocation site.	No
ES1	Land at Livestock Market	In house assessment. Availability to be established.	Yes	Includes parts of Thr26a and Thr19. Thr19 was considered suitable for housing and/or employment use in the Housing Topic Paper.	28.1	N/A		Yes
ES3	Land to the west of Ross Road A49	Desktop search. Criteria derived from Employment Land Study 2012	Yes	Combination of Hol13 and Stm17 which were assessed as suitable for housing and employment use in the Housing Topic Paper.	36.4	N/A	Given the prominence of this site in the landscape, employment buildings would not be acceptable in the northern areas of the site.	No
ES4	Land to the east of Ross Road A49		Yes	Combination of Stm01, Hol12a and Hol12b. Stm01 was assessed as suitable for housing, employment or mixed use in the Housing Topic Paper.	36.3	N/A	Given the prominence of this site in the landscape, employment buildings would not be acceptable in the northern areas of the site.	No
ES5	Land north of Roman Road		Yes	Combination of Bur31 and Bur23 which were assess as suitable for housing, employment and mixed use in the Housing Topic Paper.	10.1	N/A	Site has no potential due to position in final phase of the road corridor	No

ES6	Land at Rotherwas	No	Site identified in the Core Strategy.	8.3	N/A	Yes
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Appendix 7

Consultation comments

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27th June 2017	Herefordshire Council Ref: SV/2010/103979/SE-06/FS1-L01	<p>SA Framework</p> <p>The SA objectives presented within Table 2.2 are considered reasonable in reflecting the purpose of the recently produced strategic documents and their potential environmental effects. The themes include Biodiversity, Climate change (incorporating mitigation and adaptation), Land, Soil and Water Resources.</p>	Comment noted.
		<p>Review of plans, programmes and environmental protection objectives</p> <p>Herefordshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (Table 3.3) along with the current Herefordshire Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) are presented in the list of key local plans and programmes reviewed for the SA of the DPD. The Water Cycle Study, which was amended as part of the Core Strategy submission will need to be updated to accompany the forthcoming DPDs moving forward and should also be included.</p>	<p>The Water Cycle Study is an evidence document which presents major issues, including, as well as potentially, immediate funding and longer-term maintenance costs relating to water services infrastructure in the area in question. It should inform the production of the plan but given that it is a study and essentially an evidence base document which itself does not include specific objectives or policy requirements it is considered more appropriate to present the key findings of the document in the baseline section of the SA Report. The SA Report includes reference to the Water Cycle Study Addendum and its findings at paragraph 3.74. The baseline has informed the identification of the key sustainability issues for Hereford (from paragraph 3.94) which in turn has been used to SA framework at Table 2.2 against which the policies and sites of the plan will be appraised.</p>
		<p>Review of plans, programmes and environmental protection objectives</p> <p>The reference to the River Wye SAC Nutrient Management Plan and recognition of the implications of inappropriate development throughout the SAC area which the Plan seeks to control in the review of plans, programmes and</p>	Comment noted.

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		environmental protection objectives is considered appropriate.	
		<p>Baseline information</p> <p>Reference to River Wye management catchment within the baseline section is considered appropriate as both Hereford and the surrounding areas are impacted by flood risk.</p>	Comment noted.
		<p>Baseline information</p> <p>Environment Agency guidance on considering climate change in planning decisions should be included as part of the baseline for the SA Report.</p>	Comment noted. The baseline information has been updated to include reference to this guidance at paragraph 3.66 and the subsequent table.
		<p>Baseline information</p> <p>The county has produced Climate Change Guidance for the local area which should be considered in the baseline information.</p>	Comment noted. The baseline information has been updated to include reference to this guidance at paragraph 3.66 and the subsequent table.
		<p>SA judgements</p> <p>The SA could look at ensuring flood risk reduction/improvement to the flood regime. For example, options to look at strategic flood risk management and reduction measures could be incorporated, for example flood storage improvements, which can often be linked to other wider environmental benefits such as wet washland provision, or biodiversity enhancement, if planned. Alternatively options to look at flood alleviation scheme improvements could be explored.</p>	<p>The NPPG clarifies that <i>"the sustainability appraisal should only focus on what is needed to assess the likely significant effects of the Local Plan. It should focus on the environmental, economic and social impacts that are likely to be significant. It does not need to be done in any more detail, or using more resources, than is considered to be appropriate for the content and level of detail in the Local Plan."</i></p> <p>As such the SA Report will consider the reasonable alternatives and options taken forward for approach of the plan. This will include the appraisal of sites and policies proposed for inclusion in the plan. The role of the SA Report will not go beyond this achievement of this aim.</p>

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		<p>Baseline information</p> <p>It is suggested that when considering other types of flooding a reference should be made to surface water flooding maps.</p>	<p>Comment noted. The baseline information has been updated at paragraph 3.66 to address this issue.</p>
		<p>Baseline information</p> <p>It may be appropriate to insert reference into the baseline evidence text (Paragraphs 3.61-3.64) relating to the 'Water Framework Directive' although it is noted that it is included in the 'Trend/Key sustainability Issue' paragraph.</p>	<p>The Water Framework Directive is a document which has been considered as part of the review of key international plans, programmes and environmental protection objectives. Please see Table 1 Appendix 1. This has been reflected in the main body of the SA Report at Table 3.1.</p>
		<p>Key sustainability issues and likely evolution of the plan area</p> <p>The cross-reference to Policy SD3 of the adopted Core Strategy and that '<i>The two new DPDs are expected to take water quality and flooding into account in the allocation of sites and so this issue will be less well addressed without the implementation of these documents</i>' is considered appropriated.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>27th June 2017</p>	<p>Historic England Ref: PL00105662</p>	<p>SA Framework</p> <p>In relation to Objective 14 it would be beneficial to have a separate indicator for cultural heritage that assesses the impact of the plan and proposals on the historic environment specifically.</p>	<p>The SA Framework have been updated to include separate SA objectives relating to the protection and enhancement of both historic environment and cultural heritage (SA objective 14) and the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods (SA objective 15). The SA objectives have been drafted to be robust, focused and compliant with the SEA Regulations and as such cover the SEA topics presented in the SEA Regulations.</p>
		<p>SA Framework</p>	<p>SA objective 14 which seeks to appraise the plan's impact in terms of valu(ing), protect(ing) and</p>

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		It is recommended that the term 'heritage asset' is used to link to wording in the National Planning Policy Framework.	enhance(ing) the county's historic environment and cultural heritage refers to the need to conserve, protect and enhance designated and undesignated heritage assets. The baseline information section has also been updated to refer to heritage assets.
		<p>SA Framework</p> <p>At point 14.1 of the SA Framework (Appraisal Questions) it would be useful to include Scheduled Ancient Monuments and Registered Parks and Gardens.</p>	Appraisal Question 14.1 has now been updated to include reference to Scheduled Ancient Monuments and Registered Parks and Gardens.
		<p>SA Framework</p> <p>The SA should recognise the importance of archaeology and the Hereford Area of Archaeological Importance within the county. As such it should appraise potential impacts that the plan may have on it.</p>	SA objective 14 will appraise potential effects on the Hereford Area of Archaeological Importance. Appraisal Question 14.1 has now been updated to include reference to the Hereford Area of Archaeological Importance.
		<p>SA Framework</p> <p>SA objective 19 includes reference to historic landscapes and reference to parks and gardens. It would be beneficial to address historic environment issues within one SA objective or clarify that there are heritage references within SA objective 19.</p>	SA objective 19 has now been clarified by removing reference to parks and gardens. As these features relate to the protection of heritage assets and the historic environment in the County SA objective 14 has now been updated to include consideration of potential effects on registered historic parks and gardens.
		<p>Review of plans, programmes and environmental protection objectives and baseline</p> <p>It is recommended that relevant legislation within Chapter 3 is updated to include of the Good Practice Advice Notes 1, 2 and 3. It is also</p>	The plan must take account of relationships between the plan and other relevant policies, plans, programmes and sustainability objectives. The SEA Directive specifically requires ' <i>the relationship with other relevant plans and programmes</i> ' and ' <i>the environmental protection</i>

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		<p>recommended that local documents such as Conservation Area Appraisals, Conservation Area Management Plans, Historic Farmstead evidence, Landscape Character Assessment, the Historic Environment Record and any local listing documents are included.</p> <p>It would be beneficial to present the baseline section relating to the historic environment in two sections, each relevant for the different DPDs and this could therefore include more appropriate detail such as the Area of Archaeological Importance for Hereford.</p>	<p><i>objectives at the international, European Community or national levels which are relevant to the plan'</i> to be taken into account (Schedule 2 (1) and (5)).</p> <p>As such it is considered that detail presented in the Review of Plans, Programmes and Environmental Protection Objectives in Chapter 3 is relevant to the requirements of the SEA Directive. Documents such as a the Landscape Character Assessment are evidence base documents prepared to support the plan and are not plans, policies or programmes in their own right. This information is more relevant in relation to the preparation of the baseline for the SA.</p> <p>It is also considered overly onerous to detail all listings within Historic Environment Record and all Conservation Area Management Plans in the county however the SA Report presents an overview of Hereford City Defences: A Conservation Management Plan from paragraph 3.26 which is considered to be of particular importance. Furthermore details of the Landscape Character Assessment have been presented at paragraph 3.82 of the baseline section, while details of the Conservation Areas in the county are presented at paragraph 3.78 and details of the Archaeological Importance for Hereford are presented at paragraph 3.79.</p> <p>It is considered that the level of detail is sufficient to provide a basis for the understanding of the social, economic and environmental characteristics of the area likely to be affected by the plan and also how the area would evolve without the implementation of the plan.</p>

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		<p>SA judgements relating to the historic environment</p> <p>It is considered that if the objective relating to the historic environment were amended to assess solely the historic environment then the judgements would be clearer.</p>	<p>Comment noted. As detailed above the SA Framework has been updated so that historic environment and cultural heritage (SA objective 14) and the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods (SA objective 15) are addressed through separate SA objectives. This should help provide clearer judgements in future iterations of the SA Report.</p>
		<p>SA judgements relating to the historic environment</p> <p>Concerns have been raised relating to judgements about the historic environment specific at paragraph 4.5 of the SA Report which identified that depending on the location and the design of development both options "<i>could be negative or positive</i>". It is considered that one dwelling affecting the significance of a heritage asset could result in substantial harm and 10 dwellings in the setting of a heritage asset, where setting is not related to its significance could cause minimal harm. Additionally, the positive options are not cited and yet the judgement states that positive opportunities could arise.</p>	<p>It is noted that the explanatory text might be maybe slightly clearer and this will be ensured in the next iteration of the SA Report.</p> <p>The summary text at paragraph 4.5 and Table 4.1 have identified that both options are likely to result in uncertain mixed effects (significant positive and minor negative or minor positive and minor negative); i.e. it is expected that both options would be both beneficial and detrimental in terms of the built environment. It is not the case that negative <u>or</u> positive effects would result. Please see Figure 2.1 which presents an understanding of the key used for the SA Report.</p> <p>Furthermore the summary text explains that Option A would allow for development over the plan period to be concentrated at a lower number of locations which could prevent areas of higher sensitive in terms of the historic environment being put forward for development.</p>
		<p>Presentation of SA findings</p> <p>It is recommended that in the next iteration of the SEA that the judgements are portrayed through a table format with each objective being discussed individually and all of the possible outcomes referenced. This would then allow for</p>	<p>As detailed above the SA Framework has been updated so that historic environment and cultural heritage (SA objective 14) and the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods (SA objective 15) are addressed through separate SA objectives. This should help provide clearer</p>

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		<p>alternatives and mitigation measures to be identified. It is recommended that additional detail is provided as currently there is limited detail for the historic environment and it is not always clear how the judgements have been arrived at and whether they are robust enough to inform decision making.</p>	<p>judgements in future iterations of the SA Report.</p> <p>The NPPG clarifies that <i>"the sustainability appraisal should only focus on what is needed to assess the likely significant effects of the Local Plan. It should focus on the environmental, economic and social impacts that are likely to be significant. It does not need to be done in any more detail, or using more resources, than is considered to be appropriate for the content and level of detail in the Local Plan."</i> As such it is considered the detail of the judgement of the SA Report to date has been of an appropriate level in that it allowed for the identification of significant effects that the options considered would be likely to have.</p> <p>The SA Report will appraise each of the sites considered for development separately and will present the full findings in relation to each of these sites as well as the summary of findings. This will include the presentation of individual matrices for each site considered which is in keeping with the approach suggested by Historic England.</p>
		<p>Monitoring framework</p> <p>It is recommended that the SEA includes a monitoring framework to assess how effectively the Plan is working. For example, a number of heritage assets are identified as 'at risk', how is the Plan, through its duty to have a positive strategy for heritage, addressing heritage at risk?</p>	<p>Commented noted. As detailed in Table 1.2 of the SA Report a monitoring framework is to be included at a later stage in the plan process. The monitoring framework will include indicators such as that which are suggested by Historic England.</p>
10 th July 2017	Natural England	Sustainability Appraisal	In relation to the comments raised by Natural England relating to the SA Scoping Report the

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	Ref: 216408 & 217885	<p>Natural England have noted that they are pleased that at Appendix 5 that their previous comments (letter of 8/12/16) on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report have been considered by the local authority although the agreed changes do not appear within the previous version of the document. Natural England wish to ensure that these changes are included in subsequent versions.</p>	<p>following changes have been incorporated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity and geodiversity - Trend/key sustainability issue has been updated to reflect the local issue that "Herefordshire contains many areas of high ecological value including sites of international and national importance which are under pressure from the adaptation and diversification of farming and forestry employment." Please see Table 3.9. • SA Framework at SA objective 10 has been updated to include questions relating to enhancing provision of recreational resources or relating to impacts on existing recreational assets. • Sub objective as part of SA objective 19 updated to refer to both protection and enhancement of habitats of international, national, regional or local importance. • A new sub objective at SA objective 24 has been added to avoid the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. • Suggested indicators included by Natural England in response to the previous iteration of the SA Report are noted and will be included in a future iteration of the SA Report, once a Preferred Approach has been identified. • The review of Plans, Policies and Environmental Protection Objectives (please see Appendix 1 and Chapter 3) has been updated to include the Herefordshire Council Green Infrastructure Strategy Herefordshire; the 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment; the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000; the Severn River Basin District Management Plan; Malvern Hills AONB Management Plan

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		<p>Appropriate consideration of Green Infrastructure as part of the Sustainability Appraisal</p> <p>Green Infrastructure (GI) has been mentioned in objective 5 of the SA Framework in relation to improving the health and well-being of local residents and it is suggested that it should be more widely considered throughout the Sustainability Appraisal. Natural England suggest that as GI has multifunctional benefits it is also relevant to the quality of the built environment (objective 14) climate change (objective 17) and biodiversity (objective 18).</p> <p>Natural England also suggests that the Herefordshire Green Infrastructure Strategy (2010) should be included within the key local plans policies and programmes section.</p>	<p>2014-2019; Wye Valley AONB Management Plan 2015-2020; the Brecon Beacons National Park 2015-2020 Management Plan; and the European Landscape Convention.</p> <p>Comment noted. The SA objectives have been drafted to be robust, focused and compliant with the SEA Regulations. While LUC recognises the important role GI plays in relation to beneficial effects on the built environment, climate change and biodiversity in addition to health it is considered most appropriate to limit the identification of policy effects on GI to one SA objective. This approach will avoid the duplicate counting of effects during the SA process.</p> <p>The Herefordshire Green Infrastructure Strategy (2010) has been included in review of key local plans, programmes and environmental protection objectives (please see Appendix 1) in the latest iteration of the SA Report.</p>

