

Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report Summary

When Local Plans are being prepared it is a legal requirement that they must be informed by a



Sustainability Appraisal (which also includes Strategic Environmental Assessment).

Legislation requires that Local Plans must be prepared with the objective of contributing to the achievement of sustainable development. The role of a Sustainability Appraisal is to promote sustainable development by assessing the extent to which the emerging plan, when judged against reasonable alternatives, will help to achieve relevant environmental, economic and social objectives. It can also identify any adverse effects from the plan and any actions which could be taken to mitigate these.

In order to undertake Sustainability Appraisal we must first decide on the scope of the issues which it needs to cover. This is known as the Scoping stage.

The purpose of this Scoping Report is therefore to provide the context for, and determine the scope of, the Sustainability Appraisal of the Local Plan and to set out the framework for undertaking the later stages of assessment. It involves reviewing other relevant plans, policies and programmes, considering the current state of the environment in Cannock Chase District, identifying any key environmental, social and economic issues or problems which may be affected by the Local Plan and setting out the 'SA framework', which comprises specific sustainability objectives against which the likely effects of the Local Plan can be assessed. We are also including issues relating to health and equalities impacts to ensure a fully intergrated approach.



The Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Process

Stage A: Scoping (current stage) - setting the context and objectives, establishing the baseline and deciding on scope:

- A1: Identifying other relevant policies, plans and programmes, and sustainability objectives.
- A2: Collecting baseline information to inform an assessment of policies and sites.
- A3: Identifying key sustainability issues and problems and their likely evolution.
- A4: Developing the SA framework for appraisal of the Local Plan and proposed method for carrying out the SA
- A5: Consulting on the scope of the SA

Stage B: Developing and refining options and assessing effects

Stage C: Preparing the Sustainability Appraisal Report

Stage D: Consulting on the preferred options for the Local Plan and the SA report

Stage E: Monitoring the significant effects of implementing the Local Plan



We are currently consulting on:

- Cannock Chase Local Plan Issues & Scope Document
- Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report
- Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)



How to give us your views

We will be consulting from **Monday 2nd July 2018 to Tuesday 28th August 2018.**

We will be holding a series of drop in events around the District. We will publicise these on our website and social media pages, via the local press, and via leaflets and posters which we will leave at a range of venues in the District. We will also write to / email everyone who is registered on the Planning Policy consultation database.

How to Respond

All consultation documents are available to view on the Cannock Chase Council website at www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/planningpolicy and at Cannock Chase Council, Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock, Staffs, WS11 1BG as well as in all of the libraries in the district.

To give us your views you will need to fill in a comments form or use our online survey via the web link above. Alternatively if you wish we can send you a form to fill in or you can pick one up at our drop in events. All information will be used in accordance with our Fair Processing procedures which can be seen via the above link and a summary of which will be reproduced on the response forms.

