

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES (ISSUES AND OPTIONS SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL)

KEY: NC= No change AT= Amended Text CT= Clarified Text PO: to be addressed at the Preferred Options stage

Organisation	Comment	Plan Action	Plan Response
Environment Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An additional objective should be included 'to protect and enhance the natural environment', as biodiversity is not the only environmental constraint, which the area action plan needs to consider - Additional options identified by the SA should be incorporated into key issue 4 on the environment to ensure that the issue is representative of the environment as a whole and not just biodiversity 	<p>NC</p> <p>PO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The SA contains 24 sustainability objectives which consider a range of environmental issues which affect the natural environment i.e. flood risk (objective 2), land contamination (objective 19), waste management (objective 17) as well as protecting and enhancing the Borough's countryside and historic environment (objective 14). This suggested additional objective is therefore unlikely to have any added benefit in this regard. - the SA appraisal suggest that there is a need to establish additional options relating to contamination, SUDs, Rights of way and mineral extraction, these will be taken forward by the DPD at the Preferred Options stage.
RSPB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Broadly supports the issues identified in the Sustainability Appraisal. - Welcomes the conclusions of the parallel Habitats Regulations Assessment screening 	NC	
Wokingham BC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In order to ensure that the Sustainability Appraisal for Amen Corner adequately addresses the need to maintain the separation of Bracknell/Binfield from Wokingham, objective 14 of the SA should be amended to read 'to protect and enhance were possible the countryside of both Bracknell Forest and 	NC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The ACAAP SA/SEA Scoping report already highlights cross-boundary issues as a key sustainability issue for the SA to address. Further to this, the initial sustainability appraisal also provides an assessment on the option regarding maintaining the gap between both areas. Please see appendix 2 for the summary of appraisal options

	<p>Wokingham and their historical environments in urban and rural areas'. - the penultimate paragraph in section 2.3 of the SA needs amending to make it clear that the Amen Corner site directly adjoins Wokingham BC.</p> <p>- The boundary of the AAP in appendix 1 of the SA does not accord with that in the Issues and Options Report. This discrepancy needs to be addressed.</p> <p>- The Appropriate Assessment screening should refer to the 2007 Habitats Regulations which imposes this requirement, rather than that within the 1994 version.</p>	<p>AT</p> <p>AT</p> <p>AT</p>	<p>- This is an oversight and will be amended in subsequent versions of the appraisal.</p>
<p>DP9 (Air Track)</p>	<p>-seeks assurance that the matters that were identified in the SEA/SA of the Core Strategy Development Site Identification process, particularly with respect to the inconsistency of approach and scoring as well as the use of inappropriate indicators for certain sustainability objectives are addressed in this assessment - Strategic Gaps should not be treated as an issue that relates to sustainability and therefore should be not be included as an objective (Section 3.3-Objective li). - The assertion that maintaining the physical gap between Binfield and Wokingham will automatically lead to the loss of Ancient</p>	<p>NC</p>	<p>As a result of the Examination in Public process, the Core Strategy was found 'Sound' by an independent inspector and has since been adopted. There were no inconsistencies identified in the Core Strategy Sustainability Appraisal. Should any specific inconsistencies be found in the approach used during the appraisal process. Please make this known through the consultation process or by using the contact details provided in section 4 of this document.</p> <p>-While strategic gaps are ultimately a planning issue, they do have social and environmental consequences. The aim of the SA at this stage is to assess the sustainability impacts of the options put forward by the DPD. Thus the assertions put forward by the</p>

	<p>Woodlands or encourage the work force to live closer to employment locations, is incorrect and should be reconsidered.</p>		<p>SA under this option have been as a result of this process - During the policy appraisal process a variety of factors are used to inform judgements made. These factors have also been identified by central government guidance. Please see table 3 for further information.</p>
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