

Appendix J: Post consultation changes to the Sustainability Appraisal, October 2012

Representations were received regarding the Sustainability Appraisal during the consultation on the Options for addressing the shortfall of housing land, and other proposals, in July-September 2012. Outlined below are the changes that have subsequently been made.

Site Appraisal Framework

The following changes have been made to the Site Appraisal Framework. They were made to ensure the scoring correctly reflected the analysis approach taken throughout the appraisal process. A review of all scores given to sites was undertaken and no scores were changed due to the amended Framework (scores may have been altered for other reasons). As such these changes are considered to have no significant affect on the analysis scoring.

- Neighbourhood Quality:
 - Amenity and Environmental Gain sections order changed.

- Recreation Leisure and Culture:
 - Scoring altered to reflect analysis approach taken throughout appraisal.
 - Added: “Net Gain in quality open space for recreation” (2 ticks)
 - Altered: “Significant net gain in quality open space for recreation” (3 ticks)

- Housing:
 - Contribution and Affordable Homes sections order changed.
 - Contribution section scoring altered to reflect analysis approach throughout appraisal. Housing numbers removed and replaced with descriptions:
 - “Significant” (3 ticks)
 - “Moderate” (2 ticks)
 - “Minor” (1 tick)
 - “Neutral” (0)

Location Scores

Each location and each sustainability objective was re-evaluated to ensure consistency and ensure the scores were in keeping with the Site Appraisal Framework. The following outlines the changes made for each sustainability objective as a result of this re-evaluation. The first table is the initial (basic) scores and the second table is the scores once enhancement/mitigation is implemented.

Initial Score Changes

Sustainability Objective	Locations	Change	Reasoning
Biodiversity (designated sites)	Land East of Stone Cross Lane; North of Beech Hill; North East of Bedford	Improved scores	Absence of designated sites at these locations not reflected in original score
	Land at Rothwell's Farm; North West of New Springs; South of Atherton	Decreased scores	Designated sites and/or habitats of community significance at these locations not reflected in original score
Biodiversity (species)	-	No changes	-
Air Quality (AQ Assessment)	-	No changes	-
Air Quality (Potential infrastructure)	-	Not applicable	-
Soil and Minerals (Brownfield/Greenfield)	North West of Standish Lower Ground; North of Beech Hill; South of Atherton	Improved scores	Brownfield/Greenfield balance not properly reflected in original score
	South of Hindley	Decreased score	Brownfield/Greenfield balance not properly reflected in original score
Soil and Minerals (Agricultural land)	-	No changes	-
Water (Flood risk)	-	No changes	-

Water (Water Supply)	-	No changes	-
Water (Waste Water)	-	No changes	-
Landscapes	-	No changes	-
Built Environment	North of Rectory Lane	Improved score	Location of site with historic designation incorrectly reflected in original score
Community Safety	-	No changes	-
Neighbourhood Quality (Amenity)	North of Rectory Lane; South of Rectory Lane; Rectory Lane Combined; Almond Brook; Standish Combined; Land At Coldalhurst Lane	Improved scores	Original scores did not properly reflect the framework
Neighbourhood Quality (Environmental Gain)	South of Rectory Lane; Rectory Lane Combined; East of Wigan Road, Landgate; South of Atherton	Improved scores	Original scores did not properly reflect the framework
Waste	-	No changes	-
Health	-	No changes	-
Recreation	-	No changes	-
Housing (Contribution)	-	No changes	-
Housing (Affordable Homes)	-	No changes	-
Education	-	No changes	-
Community	North of Beech Hill; North East of Bedford; East of Hooten Gardens; East of Atherton/Shakerley; Garrett Hall	Improved score	Levels of deprivation outlined in framework not reflected in original score

Community <i>cont.</i>	Land at Rothwell's Farm; Land east of Stone Cross Lane; Land at Pocket Nook Lane; Golborne and Lowton Combined; North West of Standish Lower Ground; North West of New Springs; South East of Hawkley; South of Winstanley; Land at Coldalhurst Lane; East of Wigan Road, Landgate; South of Atherton; South of Hindley;	Decreased score	Levels of deprivation outlined in framework not reflected in original score
Energy	-	No changes	-
Accessibility (Sustainable Transport)	-	No changes	-
Accessibility (Congestion)	ALL SITES	Improved scores	Original scores did not correctly reflect the framework
Sustainable Economy (Appropriate provision)	-	No changes	-
Sustainable Economy (Food)	-	Not applicable	-
Economy and Employment	-	No changes	-

Residual Score Changes

Sustainability Objective	Locations	Change	Reasoning
Biodiversity (designated sites)	North of Beech Hill, Wigan; North East of Bedford	Improved score	Absence of designated sites at these locations not reflected in original score
	North West of New Springs	Decreased score	Designated sites and/or habitats of community significance at these locations not reflected in original score
Biodiversity (species)	-	No changes	-
Air Quality (AQ Assessment)	-	No changes	-
Air Quality (Potential infrastructure)	-	No changes	-
Soil and Minerals (Brownfield/Greenfield)	North West of Standish Lower Ground; North of Beech Hill	Improved score	Brownfield/Greenfield balance not properly reflected in original score
	South of Hindley	Decreased score	Brownfield/Greenfield balance not properly reflected in original score
Soil and Minerals (Agricultural land)	-	No changes	-
Water (Flood risk)	-	No changes	-
Water (Water Supply)	-	No changes	-
Water (Waste Water)	-	No changes	-
Landscapes	-	No changes	-
Built Environment	North of Rectory Lane	Improved score	Location of site with historic designation incorrectly reflected in original score
Community Safety	-	No changes	-

Neighbourhood Quality (Amenity)	North of Rectory Lane; South of Rectory Lane; Rectory Lane Combined; Almond Brook; Standish Combined; Land At Coldalhurst Lane	Improved scores	Original scores did not properly reflect the framework
Neighbourhood Quality (Environmental Gain)	South of Rectory Lane	Improved score	Original scores did not properly reflect the framework
Waste	-	No changes	-
Health	-	No changes	-
Recreation	-	No changes	-
Housing (Contribution)	-	No changes	-
Housing (Affordable Homes)	-	No changes	-
Education	-	No changes	-
Community	North of Beech Hill; North East of Bedford; East of Hooten Gardens; East of Atherton/Shakerley; Garrett Hall	Improved scores	Levels of deprivation outlined in framework not reflected in original score
	Land at Rothwell's Farm; Land east of Stone Cross Lane; Land at Pocket Nook Lane; Golborne and Lowton Combined; North West of Standish Lower Ground; North West of New Springs; South East of Hawkley; South of Winstanley; Land at Coldalhurst Lane; East of Wigan Road, Landgate; South of Atherton; South of Hindley	Decreased scores	Levels of deprivation outlined in framework not reflected in original score

Energy	-	No changes	-
Accessibility (Sustainable Transport)	-	No changes	-
Accessibility (Congestion)	ALL SITES	Improved scores	Original scores did not correctly reflect the framework
Sustainable Economy (Appropriate provision)	-	No changes	-
Sustainable Economy (Food)	-	No changes	-
Economy and Employment	-	No changes	-