Sustainability Appraisal of the Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan

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1 Introduction

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Table 1.2: Requirements of the SEA Regulations and where these have been addressed in this SA Report

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	Chapters 5, 6, 7 and 9

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Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

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Equality Impact Assessment

Health Impact Assessment

x Chapter 10 ±

Volume 1
x Appendix 1 ± ±

x Appendix 2 ± ±

x Appendix 3 ± ±

x Appendix 4 ± ±

x Appendix 5 ± ±

x Appendix 6 ±

Volume 2
x Appendix 7 ± ±

x Appendix 8 ± ±

x Appendix 9 ±
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x Appendix 10 ± ±

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x Appendix 12 ±

2 The Sustainability Appraisal Process So Far

Table 2.1

Table 2.1: Corresponding stages in plan making and SA

Local Plan Step 1: Evidence Gathering and engagement

Stage A: Setting the context and objectives, est46.11 129.98 reW*nB/P <MCID 9>BDC 0

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Reference	Objective	SEA Topics

SA Objective 4: Material assets

SA Objective 5: Natural resources

SA Objective 6: Climate change and energy

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SA Objective 7: Flooding

SA Objective 12: Growth with prosperity for all

SA Objective 13: Provision of housing

Figure 5 7 11

Chapters 5 6 7 9

Appendices

Figure 3.1: Key to symbols and colour coding used in the SA of the MLP[14]

+ +	significant positive
+	minor positive
0	negligible or no impact
+ / -	mixture of positive and negative

4 Sustainability Context for Minerals Development in Worcestershire

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Relationship between MLP and other relevant plans and programmes, including their environmental protection objectives

Appendix 2

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Environmental

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5 Sustainability Appraisal Findings: Context

Table 5.1

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	Vision and Objectives SA Objectives
	Vision
	1. Enable the supply of minerals
	2. Protect and enhance the function of green space networks and natural elements (GI)
	3. Protect and enhance the quality, character and distinctiveness of the built, historic, natural and water environment
	4. Protect and enhance the health, well-being, safety and amenity of people and communities
	5. Protect and enhance the vitality of the local economy
	6. Ensure the prudent use of natural resources

6 Sustainability Appraisal Findings: Areas of Search

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SA Objective 1: Landscape

SA Objective 2: Biodiversity and Geodiversity

SA Objective 3: Cultural Heritage, Architecture and Archaeology

SA Objective 6: Climate Change and Energy

SA Objective 7: Flooding

SA Objective 8: Access to Services

SA Objective 9: Health and Amenity

SA Objective 10: Waste

SA Objective 11: Traffic and Transport

SA Objective 12: Growth with Prosperity for All

SA Objective 13: Provision of Housing

AoS Ref

SA Objective 5: Natural Resources

SA Objective 14: Participation by All

SA Objective 15: Technology, Innovation and Inward Investment

SA Objective 16: Population (skills and education)

SA Objective 17: Population (crime & fear of crime)

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SA14: Participation by all
SA15: Technology, innovation and inward investment
SA16: Population (skills and education)
SA17: Population (crime & fear of crime)

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SA Objective 9: Health and Amenity

SA Objective 10: Waste

SA Objective 11: Traffic and Transport

SA Objective 17: Population (crime & fear of crime)

SA Objective 1: Landscape

SA Objective 6: Climate Change and Energy

SA Objective 12: Growth with Prosperity for All

SA Objective 13: Provision of Housing

SA Objective 14: Participation by All

Table 6.5: SA scores for brick clay areas of search

SA Objective 1: Landscape

SA Objective 2: Biodiversity and Geodiversity

SA Objective 3: Cultural Heritage, Architecture and Archaeology

SA Objective 4: Material Assets

SA Objective 13: Provision of Housing

SA Objective 14: Participation by All

7 Sustainability Appraisal Findings: Policies

Table 7.1: SA findings for the strategic policies in Chapter 4 of the MLP (Spatial Strategy)

SA Objectives	Spatial Strategy (strategic policies)							
	MLP 1	MLP 2	MLP 3	MLP 4	MLP 5	MLP 6	MLP 7	MLP 8
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SA Objective	Safeguarding mineral resources and supporting infrastructure (strategic policies)	
	MLP 31	MLP 32

Appendix 12.

Table 8.1: Alternatives in the Second Stage Consultation MLP that were assessed in the Initial SA Report (November 2013)

Relevant section of the Second

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Table 8.3: Alternatives in the Fourth Stage Consultation MLP that were assessed in the Fourth Stage Consultation Sustainability Appraisal Environmental Report (

Relevant section of the Fourth Stage Consultation MLP	Alternatives appraised

9 Cumulative Effects, Recommendations, Mitigation and Monitoring

Chapters 5-7

SA Objective 9: Health and amenity

cumulative

minor positive effect

SA Objective 10: Waste

cumulative negligible effects

SA Objective 11: Traffic and transport

cumulative negligible effect

SA Objective 16: Population (skills and education)

operations or restrict opportunities to expand sites for sustainable waste management (such as recycling plants).		

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HYLGHQFH IRU WKLV DVVHVVPHQW´