

APPENDIX A

**Draft Local Plan Review Objectives**

	<b>NWLLP (2017)</b>	<b>NPPF (paragraph 20)</b>	<b>SA Scoping Report (2020)</b>	<b>Council Delivery Plan (2019/20)</b>	<b>Leicester &amp; Leicestershire 2050 Strategic Growth Plan</b>
<b>Health &amp; wellbeing</b>	Objective 1 - Promote the health and wellbeing of the district's population.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sufficient provision for.. community facilities such as health</li> </ul>	<p>SA1 Improve the health and wellbeing of the district's population. (provision of suitable homes is addressed under SA 4)</p> <p>SA9 is 'Reduce air, light and noise pollution to avoid damage to natural systems and protect human health'.</p>	Our communities are safe, healthy and connected The Vision of the Council's Health & Wellbeing Strategy (2018-28) is 'To measurably improve the health and wellbeing of everyone in North West Leicestershire.'	
<i>Commentary</i>	<p><i>Health &amp; wellbeing is a consistent theme across these sources and is a local priority in the CDP and reflected in the Health &amp; Wellbeing Strategy. The adopted plan objective is still relevant and fit for purpose subject to a small change to substitute the word 'enable' for 'promote' to make the objective more proactive.</i></p> <p><i>Recommendation – retain 'Enable the health and wellbeing of the district's population.'</i></p>				
<b>Housing needs</b>	Objective 2 - Support the delivery of new homes balanced with economic growth to provide a stock of housing that meets the needs of the community, including the need for affordable housing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic policies should set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and quality of development</li> <li>• Make sufficient provision for... housing (including affordable housing)</li> </ul>	SA4 Provide good quality homes that meet local needs in terms of number, type and tenure in locations where it can deliver the greatest benefits and sustainable access to services and jobs.	Local people live in high quality, affordable homes	Creating conditions for investment and growth - balancing the need for new housing and jobs with protection of our environment and built heritage.

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			(the design, energy, resource and water efficiency of homes is addressed under SA 10, 13, 16 and 17)		
<i>Commentary</i>	<p><i>Achieving the delivery of new homes which meet local needs (number, size, type and tenure) is a consistent theme and a relevant objective. Creating an strict alignment between housing and employment growth has less emphasis now in view of the introduction of the standard methodology although it is still a matter which will be carefully considered as the plan progresses. For the purposes of the objectives, it is suggested this be omitted. The SA objective refers to locations which can deliver the greatest benefits; Members will chose an appropriate spatial strategy, and the sites which can deliver it, at a later stage of the plan preparation process.. The SA references to sustainable access can be covered in a sustainable transport objective. The CDP refer to quality homes which can be picked up in a development quality objective .</i></p> <p><i>Recommendation – revise Objective 2 to ‘Enable the delivery of new homes, including affordable housing, which meet local housing needs including in terms of size, tenure and type’.</i></p>				
<b>Development quality</b>	Objective 3 - Ensure new development is of a high quality of design and layout whilst having due regard to the need to accommodate national standards in a way that reflects local context and circumstances.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic policies should set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and quality of development</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		Local people live in high quality, affordable homes	Maintaining the essential qualities of Leicester & Leicestershire and delivering high quality development.
<i>Commentary</i>	<p><i>Development quality is an important theme in the NPPF and local documents, albeit not part of the SA framework, which merits an objective in the Local Plan Review. The adopted LP objective could be simplified to remove the reference to national standards although this is an aspect we will need to address in the policies themselves. In an effort to consolidate the number of objectives, community safety has been incorporated into this objective.</i></p> <p><i>Recommendation – Revise Objective 3 to ‘achieve high quality development which is sustainable, which responds positively to local character and which creates safe places to live and work’.</i></p>				

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<b>Accessibility and access to services</b>	Objective 4 – Ensure regard is had to reducing the need to travel and to maintaining access to services and facilities including jobs, shops, education, sport and recreation, green space, cultural facilities, communication networks, health and social care.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic policies should set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and quality of development</li> <li>Make sufficient provision for...infrastructure for transport, telecommunications; community facilities such as...cultural infrastructure; conservation and enhancement of the natural environment</li> </ul>	<p>SA2 Reduce inequalities and ensure fair and equal access and opportunities for all residents</p> <p>SA8 Reduce the need to travel and increase numbers of people walking, cycling or using the bus for their day-to-day travel needs.</p>	Developing a clean and green district	Securing essential infrastructure that is needed to make this happen – taking advantage of proposals to improve national and regional networks (as set out in the Midlands Connect Strategy) and maximising the benefits from them.
<i>Commentary</i>	<p><i>There are two distinct (though linked) concepts here; 1) reducing the need to travel which itself is closely linked to increasing the availability of sustainable transport modes and 2) facilitating access to services which can encompass how services are delivered as well as their physical location and how accessible they are from where people live (or will live). LP Objective 4 combines them whereas the SA separates them and it is recommended that the latter approach be taken here and access to services is covered in the infrastructure objective below.</i></p> <p><i>Recommendation – Revise Objective 4 to ‘Reduce the need to travel and increase opportunities for cycling, walking and public transport use.’</i></p>				
<b>Needs of the economy</b>	Objective 5 - Support economic growth throughout the district and the provision of a diverse range of employment opportunities including the development of tourism and leisure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make sufficient provision for employment, retail, leisure and other commercial development</li> </ul>	<p>SA5 Support economic growth throughout the District</p> <p>SA7 Provision of a diverse range of employment opportunities that match the skills and needs of local residents</p>	Supporting businesses and helping people into local jobs	Creating conditions for investment and growth - balancing the need for new housing and jobs with protection of our environment and built heritage.

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<i>Commentary</i>	<p><i>Supporting economic growth throughout the district and the provision of a range of employment opportunities are clear, common themes. Matching jobs to the skills and needs of local residents (as expressed in Sustainability Appraisal objective SA7) could be interpreted as a limit on employment growth for an authority which imports a considerable amount of labour and with a demand for strategic scale distribution in the district. The term 'respond to' is preferred for the Local Plan Objective. Tourism and leisure uses are encompassed in the term 'economy'.</i></p> <p><i>Recommendation – Revise Objective 5 to 'Support the district's economy, including its rural economy, by providing for a range of employment opportunities which respond to the needs of businesses and local workers'</i></p>				
<b>Town and local centres</b>	Objective 6 - Enhance the vitality and viability of the districts town and local centres, with a particular focus on the regeneration of Coalville, in ways that help meet the consumer needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic policies should set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and quality of development</li> <li>• Make sufficient provision for.. retail, leisure</li> </ul>	SA6 Enhance the vitality and viability of existing town centres and village centres.	Supporting Coalville to be a more vibrant, family-friendly town	
<i>Commentary</i>	<p><i>There is a common thread across the sources about retaining the vitality and viability of town and local centres and the local focus on Coalville reflects the CDP On the face of it 'ways that meet consumer needs' could be excluded and replaced with words which underline the important role of town and village centres.</i></p> <p><i>Recommendation – Slightly revise objective 6 to 'Enhance the vitality and viability of the district's town and local centres which have an important role serving our local communities with a particular focus on the regeneration of Coalville'</i></p>				
<b>Community safety</b>	Objective 7 - Enhance community safety so far as practically possible and in a way which is proportionate to the scale of development proposed whenever allocating sites for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sufficient provision for...infrastructure for security</li> </ul>		Our communities are safe, healthy and connected	

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	development or granting planning permission.				
<i>Commentary</i>	<p><i>The issue of community safety could be incorporated into an objective about design and quality. This would help to condense the number of objectives without losing sight of it as an issue.</i></p> <p><i>Recommendation – include community safety considerations in a design/quality objective</i></p>				
<b>Climate change</b>	Objective 8 - Prepare for, limit and adapt to climate change.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sufficient provision for...planning measures to address climate change and adaptation</li> </ul>	SA10 Reduce carbon emissions throughout the District. (reducing the impact of petrol or diesel fuelled vehicles is addressed by SA8) SA11 Ensure the District is resilient to the impacts of climate change.	The Council adopted a Zero Carbon Roadmap and Action Plan in March 2020.	
<i>Commentary</i>	<p><i>This will be a key issue for the Substantive Review. The Zero Carbon Roadmap and Action Plan aims for the Council to be carbon neutral by 2030 with the whole district to follow by 2050. The adopted Local Plan objective continues to be relevant with a suggested revision to refer to the carbon neutrality target. Reference to flood risk could also be included as part of the mission to reduce the overall number of objectives.</i></p> <p><i>Recommendation – revise Objective 8 to read ‘Ensure new development mitigates for and adapts to climate change, including reducing vulnerability to flooding, and contributes to reduced net greenhouse gas emissions to support the district becoming carbon neutral by 2050.’</i></p>				
<b>Water</b>	Objective 9 - New developments need to be designed to use water efficiently, to reduce flood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sufficient provision for infrastructure for.. water</li> </ul>	SA16 Protect water resources and ensure they are used efficiently.		

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	risk and the demand for water within the district, whilst at the same time taking full account of flood risk and ensuring the effective use of sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDs).	supply, wastewater, flood risk			
<i>Commentary</i>	<p><i>On the face of it water efficiency, reducing the demand for water could be covered under an 'efficient use of resources' objective.</i></p> <p><i>Avoiding/mitigating for flood risk could be addressed under the umbrella objective for climate change.</i></p> <p><i>Recommendation – cover these issues into an expanded climate change objective and a resources objective .</i></p>				
<b>Local identity</b>	Objective 10 - Conserve and enhance the identity, character and diversity and local distinctiveness of the district's built, natural, cultural, industrial and rural heritage and heritage assets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic policies should set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and quality of development</li> <li>• Make sufficient provision for... conservation and enhancement of the natural, built and historic environment</li> <li>• Make sufficient provision for...community facilities such as ..cultural infrastructure</li> </ul>	SA13 Conserve and enhance the quality of the District's landscape and townscape character. SA15 Conserve and enhance the character, diversity and local distinctiveness of the District's built and historic heritage.		<p>Creating conditions for investment and growth - balancing the need for new housing and jobs with protection of our environment and built heritage.</p> <p>Maintaining the essential qualities of Leicester &amp; Leicestershire and delivering high quality development.</p>

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<i>Commentary</i>	<p><i>Local identity (distinctiveness) and respecting local qualities cuts across the SA objectives and the SGP. This issue could be incorporated into an objective about overall development quality encompassing design, respecting and reflecting local character. Heritage could be covered in a new, dedicated objective.</i></p> <p><i>Recommendation - produce a composite design objective (see above) and a heritage objective 'Conserve and enhance the district's built, cultural, industrial and rural heritage and heritage assets'</i></p>				
<b>Natural environment</b>	Objective 11 - Protect and enhance the natural environment including the district's biodiversity, geodiversity and water environment areas identified for their importance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sufficient provision for... conservation and enhancement of the natural, built and historic environment, including ... green infrastructure</li> </ul>	<p>SA12 Protect and enhance the District's biodiversity and protect areas identified for their nature conservation and geological importance.</p> <p>SA9 Reduce air, light and noise pollution to avoid damage to natural systems and protect human health.</p>	Developing a clean and green district	Creating conditions for investment and growth - balancing the need for new housing and jobs with protection of our environment and built heritage.
<i>Commentary</i>	<p><i>As an issue, this is an important one and one which consistent across the sources. This could be combined with landscape conservation to create a more concise list of objectives.</i></p> <p><i>Recommendation – Combine and refine Objectives 11 and 12 to read 'Conserve and enhance the district's natural environment, including its biodiversity, geodiversity, water environments and landscape character, notably the National Forest and Charnwood Forest as well as its other valued landscapes.'</i></p>				
<b>Landscape</b>	Objective 12 - Conserve and enhance the quality of the district's landscape character including the National Forest and Charnwood Forest and other valued landscapes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sufficient provision for... conservation and enhancement of the natural, built and historic environment, including landscapes</li> </ul>	SA13 Conserve and enhance the quality of the District's landscape and townscape character.	Developing a clean and green district	

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<b>Waste</b>	Objective 13 - Take account of the need to reduce the amount of waste produced.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sufficient provision for infrastructure for...waste management</li> <li>• Make sufficient provision for...planning measures to address climate change mitigation</li> </ul>	<p>SA17 Ensure the efficient use of natural resources, including reducing waste generation.</p> <p>SA9 Reduce air, light and noise pollution to avoid damage to natural systems and protect human health.</p> <p>SA14 Ensure land is used efficiently and effectively</p>		
<i>Commentary</i>	<p><i>Whilst this objective may have been included be a response to a particular local issue, the lead authority for waste management infrastructure is the county council. The issue could be covered in a more generic way to refer to the efficient use of resources (like the SA does) which could encompass promoting waste reduction, promoting the use of brownfield land, water use, minerals etc as well as a reference to pollution to pick up that aspect of SA9</i></p> <p><i>Recommendation - replace objectives 13 and 15 with 'promote the efficient use of natural resources and brownfield land, control pollution and facilitate the sustainable use and management of minerals and waste.'</i></p>				
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Objective 14 - Seek to deliver the infrastructure needs of the area, including Green sustainable development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sufficient provision for infrastructure for transport, telecommunications, security, waste management, water supply, wastewater,</li> </ul>		Our communities are safe, healthy and connected	Securing essential infrastructure that is needed to make this happen – taking advantage of proposals to improve national and regional networks (as set out in the Midlands Connect Strategy)

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		flood risk and coastal change management....; community facilities (such as health, education and cultural infrastructure)			and maximising the benefits from them.
<i>Commentary</i>	<p><i>Whilst infrastructure isn't an issue specifically identified in the SA framework, it will be a key matter for the Substantive Local Plan Review taking account of the NPPF and the SGP. Objective 14 could be expanded to provide more detail on the types of infrastructure and to incorporate the theme of the overall accessibility of services</i></p> <p><i>Recommendation - amend Objective 14 to read '-Maintain access to services and facilities including jobs, shops, education, sport and recreation, green space, cultural facilities, communication networks and health &amp; social care and ensure that development is supported by the physical and social infrastructure the community needs and that this is brought forward in a co-ordinated and timely way.'</i></p>				
<b>Minerals</b>	Objective 15 - Take full account of the need to safeguard mineral resources including sand and gravel, igneous rock and brickclay.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sufficient provision for ... the provision of minerals and energy (including heat);</li> </ul>			
<i>Commentary</i>	<i>See above</i>				