

Title of Report	LOCAL PLAN REVIEW: DRAFT OBJECTIVE 4 – SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT	
Presented by	Ian Nelson Planning Policy Team Manager	
Background Papers	National Planning Policy Framework Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report 2020 Council Delivery Plan Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan	Public Report: Yes
Financial Implications	The cost of the substantive Local Plan Review is met through existing budgets.	
	Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	The agreed draft objectives will be included in the next consultation stage for the Substantive Local Plan Review. This consultation must be undertaken in a way that accords with the council's agreed Statement of Community Involvement.	
	Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	No staffing implications associated with the specific content of this report. Links with the Council's Priorities are set out at the end of the report.	
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Purpose of Report	This report provides the Committee with revised proposed wording for the draft Local Plan Objective concerning sustainable transport.	
Recommendations	THAT LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE NOTES THE REVISED WORDING OF DRAFT OBJECTIVE 4 AT PARAGRAPH 1.8 FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT CONSULTATION STAGE OF THE SUBSTANTIVE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW.	

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Substantive Local Plan Review will contain a set of objectives which will describe, in overall terms, what the Local Plan aims to achieve and will provide a guiding framework for the plan's policies and proposals. Each Local Plan policy should help achieve one or more of the objectives.
- 1.2 Over the past months, draft objectives have been considered at meetings of Cabinet (23 July and 20 October) and this Committee (29 July). The last outstanding matter which Cabinet considered at its October meeting was the wording of Objective 4 which concerns sustainable transport. The relevant passages from the October Cabinet report are reproduced in italics below.

- 1.3 *“The Local Plan Committee met on 29th July 2020. Agreement was reached on 10 of the 11 objectives but Objective 4, which is concerned with sustainable transport, was not agreed. At the meeting, Cllr Legrys put forward specific revised wording for this objective.*
- 1.4 *The original wording for Objective 4 was as follows;*
- “4 - Reduce the need to travel and increase opportunities for cycling, walking and public transport use.”*
- 1.5 *Cllr Legrys’ proposed the following;*
- “4 - The Local Plan Review to plan for*
- specific off-highway walking and cycling routes within NWL*
 - with particular consideration made to safeguard land for the provision of segregated off-highway walking/cycling routes to and from employment growth areas*
 - and an overall focus on the improvement of inter-community off-highway interconnectivity.”*
- 1.6 *This amendment was not agreed and officers were asked to work with Councillor Legrys and Councillor Bridges (as chair of the Local Plan Committee) to find alternative wording. This would enable the themes from Councillor’s Legrys’ amendment to be reflected using wording which better matched the tone and overarching nature of the other 10 objectives.*
- 1.7 *The themes in the Councillor Legrys amendment can be summarised as*
- Delivery of infrastructure*
 - Connectivity; and*
 - Safety*
- 1.8 *In respect of safety, this issue is already addressed in Objective 3 in the context of high quality development and does not to be further repeated in Objective 4. The following revised wording picks up the remaining two themes;*
- “4 - Reduce the need to travel and increase opportunities for cycling, walking and public transport use, including connecting homes, workplaces and facilities and through the delivery of dedicated new infrastructure.*
- 1.9 *Cllr Legrys has indicated to officers that he finds this proposed wording acceptable.”*
- 1.10 Cabinet’s decision was to request that this Committee note the revised wording of Draft Objective 4 [above] for inclusion in the next public consultation stage of the Substantive Local Plan Review. Cabinet’s decision is reflected in this report’s recommendation to this Committee.
- 1.11 Subject to the Committee’s decision, the agreed set of draft Objectives (Appendix 1) will be included in the next stage of public consultation on the Substantive Local Plan Review. This will expose them to wider scrutiny and the feedback received can be used to inform future iterations of the objectives.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	A Local Plan objective on sustainable transport will have particular relevance for the following Council Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our communities are safe, healthy and connected - Developing a clean and green district
Policy Considerations:	Adopted Local Plan National Planning Policy Framework
Safeguarding:	None specific
Equalities/Diversity:	The Local Plan Review as an entity will be subject to an Equalities Impact Assessment.
Customer Impact:	None specific
Economic and Social Impact:	The decision, of itself, will have no specific impact. The Local Plan Review as a whole will deliver positive economic and social impacts and these will be recorded through the Sustainability Appraisal.
Environment and Climate Change:	The decision, of itself, will have no specific impact. The Local Plan Review as a whole will deliver positive environmental and climate change benefits and these will be recorded through the Sustainability Appraisal.
Consultation/Community Engagement:	The draft objectives will be subject to public consultation as part of the plan preparation process. The consultation arrangements will be governed by requirements in the Statement of Community Involvement.
Risks:	A risk assessment for the Local Plan Review has been prepared and is kept up to date. As far as possible control measures have been put in place to minimise risks, including regular Project Board meetings where risk is reviewed.
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