

Appendix 1

Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Framework for Blackdown Hills Neighbourhood Plans

It is proposed to use the SA objectives from the Blackdown Hills AONB management plan, supplemented by additional criteria from the East Devon Local Plan SA. The SA framework has been designed to ensure coverage of topics identified in the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive as shown in the table below. A list of suggested baseline data to inform the SA is included, along with potential indicators that could be used (taken from the Blackdown Hills AONB Management Plan – although not all will necessarily be relevant to Neighbourhood Plans).

Common topic headings for the purposes of reviewing the evidence base have then been selected (see the last column) to relate back to the baseline data to be collected when the SA or SEA is undertaken. This relationship is denoted by colour-coding the topic heading with the baseline data to be sought.

The framework has been developed by the Clare Reid Consultancy, which will be providing expert support on sustainability issues to the parish as it develops its draft neighbourhood plan.

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E1 To protect and enhance the landscape and tranquillity of the Blackdown Hills AONB and its setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>promote the conservation and wise use of land and protect and enhance the landscape character of East Devon?</i> - <i>maintain the local amenity, quality and character of the local environment?</i> 	Landscape	<p>Landscape character type</p> <p>CPRE tranquillity mapping</p> <p>Any historic parks and gardens, designed landscapes?</p> <p>Impacts on key views</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area and percentage of AONB in agri-environment schemes (Defra/Natural England (NE)) • Percentage of area that is tranquil (NE) • Fixed-point monitoring of key views (AONB) 	<p>Natural Environment</p> <p>Natural Environment</p> <p>Natural Environment</p> <p>Natural Environment</p>
E2 To protect and enhance biodiversity (habitats and species) and geodiversity within and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>conserve and enhance the biodiversity of East Devon?</i> 	Flora, fauna, biodiversity	<p>Map of any designations (SSSIs, SAC, County Wildlife Sites)</p> <p>Map of Local Nature Reserves, Wildlife Trust, National Trust, Forestry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percentage of SSSIs in 'favourable condition' (NE) • Area and percentage of AONB in agri-environment schemes (Defra/NE) 	<p>Natural Environment</p> <p>Natural Environment</p>

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beyond the AONB			Commission sites Map of priority habitats Priority species (if relevant to NP/development) Map of any sites of geological interest (RIGS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education and interpretation initiatives (AONB) Species indicators e.g. Marsh fritillary (Butterfly Conservation) 	Natural Environment Natural Environment Natural Environment
E3 To conserve and enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	- <i>maintain and enhance built and historic assets?</i>	Cultural heritage including architectural and archaeological heritage	Map of any designations (Conservation Areas, listed buildings, Scheduled Monuments) Any sites on Heritage at Risk register & reasons. Map of sites on Historic Environment Record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change in area of land under agri-environment schemes for the management and protection of archaeological features (Defra) Change in percentage of heritage assets at risk (English Heritage) 	Built and Historic Environment Built and Historic Environment Built and Historic Environment

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			<p>Any archaeological significant interest</p> <p>Cultural heritage factors relevant to NP/development (e.g. landscapes of significance for inspiring writers and artists)</p>	<p>(EH)/local authorities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change in number of heritage records for the AONB available on the on-line HERs (county historic environment services) 	<p>Built and Historic Environment</p> <p>Built and Historic Environment</p>
<p>E4 To mitigate and adapt to climate change including the impacts of flooding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>promote and encourage non-car based modes of transport and reduce journey lengths?</i> <i>contribute towards a reduction in local emissions of greenhouse gases?</i> 	<p>Climatic factors</p>	<p>Public transport information</p> <p>Proportion of population with access to a car</p> <p>Main travel to work areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number and size of significant renewable energy applications (AONB) Number and significance of flood events (Environment Agency (EA)) 	<p>Transport and Accessibility</p> <p>Transport and Accessibility</p> <p>Transport and Accessibility</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>ensure that there is no increase in the risk of flooding?</i> - <i>ensure energy consumption is as efficient as possible?</i> 		<p>Map of flood risk areas</p> <p>Significant renewable energy developments</p>		<p>Natural Environment</p> <p>Energy and Low Carbon</p>
E5 To protect and enhance natural resources including water, air and soil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>maintain and enhance the environment in terms of air, soil and water quality.</i> - <i>promote wise use of waste resources whilst reducing waste production and disposal?</i> 	Soil, water, air	<p>Map of agricultural land classification</p> <p>Map of ecological status of water bodies</p> <p>Catchment Sensitive Farming priority area?</p> <p>Nitrate vulnerable zone?</p> <p>Water supply capacity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change in river water quality (EA) • Traffic counts at locations in/near AONB (county councils) 	<p>Natural Environment</p> <p>Natural Environment</p> <p>Natural Environment</p> <p>Natural Environment</p> <p>Society, Community Facilities and Services</p>

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			<p>Waste water treatment capacity</p> <p>Air quality issues / air quality management areas (only 1 affecting AONB)</p> <p>Quarries, minerals supply areas, safeguarded areas</p> <p>Waste production and recycling data</p>		<p>Society, Community Facilities and Services</p> <p>Natural Environment</p> <p>Waste and Minerals</p> <p>Waste and Minerals</p>
E6 To sustain vibrant communities and safeguard human health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ensure everybody has the opportunity to live in a decent home? - ensure that all groups of the population 	Population, human health	<p>Population statistics – total population of the Parish, age ranges</p> <p>Qualifications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of affordable homes built annually (local planning authorities) • Length of public rights 	<p>Population and Housing</p> <p>Economy and Employment</p>

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and wellbeing	<p><i>have access to community services?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>provide for education, skills and lifelong learning to: (i) meet the needs of the local population?</i> - <i>improve the population's health</i> - <i>reduce crime and fear of crime?</i> - <i>reduce noise levels and minimise exposure of people to unacceptable levels of noise pollution?</i> - <i>maintain and improve cultural, social and leisure provision?</i> 		<p>Health statistics</p> <p>Affordable housing need</p> <p>Proportion of social rented and private rented housing</p> <p>Average house price & average income</p> <p>Local community services & facilities (shops, doctors surgeries, pubs, sports halls, recreation grounds etc)</p>	<p>of way (NE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percentage of key settlements with core services including: post office, village store, community hall, primary school, pub, regular bus service (AONB) • Numbers of people engaged with social networks and attending events (AONB) • Numbers of people participating in voluntary activities in the countryside (AONB) • % of AONB that is 	<p>Society, Community Facilities and Services</p> <p>Population and Housing</p> <p>Population and Housing</p> <p>Population and Housing</p> <p>Society, Community Facilities and Services</p>

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			Rights of way and open access land Crime and fear of crime statistics Noise pollution? Resident satisfaction surveys?	publically accessible (NE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of people participating in local health walk scheme (local provider) • % of settlements served by daily bus service (AONB) 	Transport and Accessibility Society, Community Facilities and Services Society, Community Facilities and Services Society, Community Facilities and Services
E7 To protect the quality and character of individual settlements and material assets	- <i>maintain and enhance the vitality and viability of the Towns of East Devon?</i>	Material assets, cultural heritage	Settlement character, local vernacular Historic farmsteads Scale of recent growth / change & what is proposed in Local Plan?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change in the number of listed buildings at risk (EH/local authorities) • Change in % of settlements with neighbourhood plan, parish plan, or village design statement 	Built and Historic Environment Built and Historic Environment Population and Housing

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				(AONB/local authorities) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and % of major developments that are approved against the advice of AONB team ('major' developments to be defined) (AONB/local authorities) 	
E8 To promote a thriving economy that supports social and environmental objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>provide for education, skills and lifelong learning to: (ii) meet local employment needs?</i> - <i>maintain sustainable growth of employment for East Devon, to match levels of jobs with the</i> 	Population, human health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proportion of the population that is economically active NEETS Occupational types Main economic activities and sectors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percentage of land managed under all agri-environment schemes (NE) • Percentage change in farm number and size (Defra) • Percentage change of AONB which is woodland (NE/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economy and Employment Economy and Employment Economy and Employment Economy and Employment

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	<i>economically active workforce?</i> - <i>encourage and accommodate both indigenous and inward investment?</i>			Forestry Commission (FC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area of new woodland planting (FC) 	