<u>Draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report – Summary of consultation and resultant amendments.</u>

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1	Ariane Crampton	Neutral	It is good to have a non-technical summary.	We will continue to place non-technical summaries towards the beginning of LDF documents to make them more understandable to the public.	None required
2	Disability Rights Commission	Neutral	Do not have the time to respond to all consultations unless they area directly associated with the work of the DRC.	Noted.	None required, we will ensure that the DRC continue to be consulted especially on matters that directly relate to their work.
3	Andrew Carter	Object	Do not use such a ridiculous title.	Although it is accepted that the title might seem 'ridiculous'	None required.
4	Mr J A Osmond	Neutral	 Problems and may arise with the costs and effort involved in meeting the needs. (Planning effort, public objections/Inquiries). Normal applications should create few problems What happens if events out of SDC's control occur The LDF covers more than the time of most governments. Actions by organisation above SDC level of control may impinge upon the LDF and Scoping Report. Central government may be anxious to develop vacated brownfield is in a hurry. The SA may need flexible application to meet the needs. This could lead to a high degree of resistance if those affected consider that the rules are not being followed. The 21 sustainability objectives may need ranking in order to achieve the application of the SA to particular development. Order of acceptance and importance to SDC may be needed. 	Although it is acknowledged that the effort and costs involved in SA and objectives might rise, the local planning authority is required to go through these processes by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The SA process is a dynamic process which evolves alongside the production of the relevant planning documents. It therefore has the flexibility to be amended if changes in government, national, or international priorities should change. If a brownfield site came forward the Local Planning Authority would expect the promoter / applicant to provide an Environmental Impact Assessment. Due to the changes in the planning system a developer would not be allowed to not provide this. Although it is accepted that it might be a good idea to rank objectives in order of	None required

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				priority, all objectives are of importance however the importance attached to each objective will have to change depending on the plan/policy.	
5	Mr C Jarrett Trenchard	Support	Supports the sustainability appraisal. Details several changes that would like to see happen in Salisbury.	The comments made regarding changes are relevant to Development Plan Documents which will be produced in line with our Local Development Scheme.	None required.
6	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister		Passing on to relevant person in department	Noted.	Noted.
7	Highways Agency	Object	The need to undertake appropriate Transport Assessments for any development that would have a direct or indirect impact on the trunk road network has not been adequately addressed.	Agreed.	Add to p44 under PPG13 reference to the requirement of Transport Assessments, which should reflect the scale of development. Add to table 2 under 'Sustainable Communities' reference to request a Transport Assessment for relevant planning applications. Add to table 4, page 26 and page 11 under sustainable communities 'Transport Assessments will be required for relevant planning applications' Add to the End of Objective 7'Planning Applications will require Transport Assessments when deemed necessary by the Local Planning Authority'.
8	Mr J P Tighe	Observation	Sustainability is a catch all word. Used in the planning process it is easy to misinterpret or misuse to justify expansion / development in that only experts in planning law can understand.	Accept that the term sustainability can sometime be misinterpreted. However, by keeping to the governments definition, we try to prevent misrepresentation.	Strengthen definition of sustainability under section 1 of the executive summary to make it more understandable.
			The whole process seems over complex, long winded, repetitive and obscures clear understanding. Suggests that virtually the whole of	It is acknowledged that the whole SA process is complex and difficult to understand, which is the reason why we	

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			the District is unsustainable. Re-write the definition by using plain English.	produced a non-technical summary to try and help the pubic understand the process.	
			Where statistics are used to justify explanation surely we should ask why they necessarily lead to move provision. What about deterrents to prevent over development / congestion / pollution etc Simplify the presentation.	The statistics highlight where areas are failing and therefore should show us where we might be experience pollution etc and highlight areas where we should be making changes to improve.	
9	Mr N J Sheppard		Object to inclusion of land at Gothic Cottage, East Grimstead within the Housing Restraint Area.	The SA does not address policy issues such as Housing Restraint Areas. The principle of Housing Restraints Areas will be looked at through our Core Strategy / Sustainable Communities Development Plan Documents. However the request has been filed with other similar request and will be looked into when we are looking into the Housing Restraint Areas.	None required.
10	Andrew Reynolds	Object	 There is a South West Regional Housing Strategy which should be referred to. Salisbury District Council's Housing Strategy has recently been updated. Salisbury District Council's has decent homes standards. 	Agreed.	The South West Regional Housing Strategy, the updated Salisbury District Housing Strategy and the decent homes standards targets will be incorporated within the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.
11	Grimstead Parish Council	Support	Supports the draft sustainability appraisal scoping report: Found it difficult to understand the 21 Objectives, as stated they appear to conflict with each other. All other comments made are not relevant to the draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.	As stated within the draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report, there are some tensions between the sustainability objectives identified some of which cannot be resolved. Despite the conflicts many could be mitigated against with appropriate measures.	None required
12	Salisbury Friends of the Earth	Observation	The baseline information collected is not globally aware – it is too local.	The international plans, policies, and programmes are transferred and incorporated into national, regional and local policies, programmes and strategies and are as such incorporated into the draft SA Scoping Report.	None required

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1101		Houridi	No urgency of action is indicated.	The purpose of the Scoping Report is to identify specific sustainability issues which are used to try and ensure that future plans and policies produced produce a more sustainable environment.	None required
			Include extra emphasis on energy efficiency.	Objective 10 of the draft SA Scoping Report covers energy efficiency and this will highlight if any proposed policies or plans are contrary to energy efficiency.	None required
			IPCC Reports should be included within the baseline data.	IPCC reports should be transposed into the Kyoto Protocol and the UK Climate Change Programme 2004 and therefore it is felt that it is not necessary to cover the IPCC reports as well within the baseline data.	None required
			New conservation officer must have the powers to innovate.	The Council's conservation officer is employed to protect the historic environment, in as sustainable manner as is possible.	None required
			'Page 11, box 3, the last line 'reduce green house gas emissions' Should head the list.	The issues are not detailed in any order. All issues hold equal importance.	None required
			Page 17, paragraph 3, the government's definition of sustainable development is in itself unsustainable.	Although the definition may be perceived as weak, the four aims for sustainable development do provide for understanding the term more clearly.	None required
			Page 18 para , The Councildoes not anticipateadditional issues or objectives' is a complacent attitude, flexibility is essential.	The exact sentence reads 'The Council does not anticipate at this stage any additional sustainability issues o objectives being required, but a brief scoping report for each individual DPD or SPD will set out the extent to which the contents and level of detail of this Scoping Report still apply, and any variations from it'. It is felt that this	None required

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				sentence provides enough flexibility. When environmental alterations are experienced, or if different plans and policies proposed to be produced will trigger issues not identified within this scoping report, an individual scoping report will be produced for that particular policy.	
			Question 2, page 24 – Should encourage tree planting on chalkland areas, build up and stabilise the soil long term, retain rainwater, take up CO2 through leaf – photosynthesis.	Although not addressed specifically, it is felt that these issues fall under objective 11.	None required
			Page 24 para 4 (table 3) 'Need to maintain good levels of car ownership'	Accepted: amend sentence to read 'Need to maintain good reduced levels of car ownership and the Distance'	Amend paragraph 4 of table 3 to read 'Need to maintain good reduced levels of car ownership and the. Distance'
			Page 27, Objective 7 'improve safety and congestion' should read 'reduce congestion'.	Accepted. Amend objective 7 to read 'and improve safety and <u>reduce</u> congestion on roads'.	Amend objective 7 to read .' and improve safety and reduce congestion on roads'
			Page 28 bullet point 4 – Does the 'adverse effect to the landscape mean wind turbines?	Bullet point 4 identifies that there may be a conflict between objective 10 the provision of renewable energy and objective 21 landscape conservation. It recognises that an adverse effect on the landscape can be caused by renewable energy sources such as wind turbines and the production of energy crops such as short rotation coppice whilst benefiting air quality and helping climate change. The idea behind highlighting these tensions is to highlight where mitigation measures may need to be implemented in order to reduce the impact.	None required.
			P37 Nitrates directive – there should be upper limits on application of nitrates.	Although there aren't any specific targets within the European Nitrates Directive it is acknowledged that the 'implications for LDD's and sustainability appraisal'	On page 37, under European nitrates directive, in the column 'implications for LDD's and

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				should be strengthened.	sustainability appraisal' the text should be amended: Nitrate Vulnerable zones should be acknowledged 'LDF should be aware of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones and the implications that this Directive has on the district, especially its agricultural practices
			P38 UK Sustainable Development Strategy 1999 – this has now been superseded by a 2005 strategy which highlights the need to achieve a sustainable economy and not high stable levels of economic growth.	Detail of the 2005 strategy 'Securing the Future – Delivering UK Sustainable Development Strategy 2005 has been included within the report on page 38. this includes the guiding principle 'achieving a sustainable economy'.	None required.
			Under Regional Economic Strategy for the South West the SA scoping report states 'encourage business to be more competitive' the documents should also have reference to environmental constraints.	Agreed. The Regional Economic Strategy for the south west states that 'sustainable development underpins our approach to economic development in the South West', consequently the environmental constraints should be strengthened.	Amend p56 in column 'implications for LDD's and sustainability appraisal under regional economic strategy for the south west to read 'Encourage businesses to be more competitive whilst have regard to sustainability'.
			P71 Private sector housing strategy – ensure energy saving systems and materials are included within new build, update existing housing stock.	Objective 10 aims to trigger the need for energy efficiency systems within buildings.	None required.
13	Salisbury Civic Society	Support (with suggested amendment)	It represents a comprehensive review of the state of sustainability in the District. However it does not properly address what the district should be doing to improve the situation in the coming years.	Agreed, however the remit of a scoping report is to identify issues that a plan or policy will affect. Once these issues have been identified further work is then completed within the further stages of producing a specific SA report that will be produced alongside all DPDs/ SPDs.	None required
			Need a table of objectives with detail of targets and timescale, and means of achieving these targets,	The purpose of the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report is to identify the	None required.

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			without this detail monitoring will not be possible.	objectives that need to be triggered and included within the production of plans and policies. The plans and policies themselves will then be monitored through the Annual Monitoring Report to ensure that they are delivering the goals.	
14	Salisbury Gospel Hall Trust	Observation	The documents 'Diversity and Equality in Planning' issued by ODPM in January 2005 makes it clear that the Government is committed to a planning system which delivers diverse outcomes so that nobody is ignored or put at a disadvantage.	Agreed. Objective 8 will be amended as detailed in our response to rep 33.	None required.
15	Wiltshire Agenda 21	Objection	Objective 7 – the emphasis is on improved travel choice, whilst this is important there should be a hierarchy of solutions. The situation at present, where access to many basic services is dependent on the private car and price structures favour individual transport, must be reversed under the new LDF.	It is felt that objective 7 does adequately highlight the issue of improving transport choice, beyond he private car through sustainable solutions. It is for the actual policy documents to be produced within the LDF to stipulate the exact kinds of transport choice that should be provided.	None required.
			We would like to see an additional objective, which covers accessible natural greenspace. An audit should be undertaken of the existing provision of open space, with differentiation between civic parks and natural greenspace. Table 1 – The objectives set out by English Nature's Research Report no 526 should be included. Accessible Natural Greenspace is not purely for the purpose of conserving biodiversity but has important implications for the health and well-being of a community.	Within planning greenspace is regarded as a facility. This is therefore covered within objective 6 'to improve and protect accessibility to all services and facilities, especially in our villages'. The council is currently tendering to appoint consultants to undertake an audit of the existing open space within the district.	None required.
			Objective 12 flooding - the baseline data indicates that 35% of applications in flood zones have been approved against environmental agency advice.	Although, planning applications are approved against environment agency advice, often this is because mitigation measures have been implemented. The issues has additionally been highlighted to development control.	None required.
			Objective 14 – Flow levels have the greatest impact on water quality. Reduction in abstraction levels	The aim of objective 14 is to improve the water quality of the rives and to use	None required.

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			should be a target through water efficiency measures installed retrospectively and not just new build.	water and rivers efficiently, this issue is therefore already incorporated within the scoping report.	
			Table 2 – add a new key message under 'sustainable communities' – 'residents use no more than their fair share of the Earth's resources'.	The whole aim of the sustainable appraisal is to try and influence a reduction in the earths resources used.	None required.
			Table 2 – Section 4 – more space for pedestrians and cyclists should apply to rural communities not just in town centres.	Accepted, more space should be provide for cyclists and pedestrians, especially in the larger villages and those with a greater number of facilities accessible by foot or bike.	Amend Table 2, paragraph 4 to read 'Give more space to pedestrians, cyclist and public transport In town centres and villages where a greater number of facilities are accessible by foot or bike. '
			Table 2 – section 11 and 12 – the Strategy for Sport and Recreation must include walking and cycling as an important travel mode and leisure pursuit for improving the health of a community.	The Strategy for Sport and Recreation does encourage walking, swimming and cycling as a means to improve health. However, a large proportion of the strategy does encourage organised sport (clubs etc). It is felt that the encouragement of walking and cycling falls is encompassed within point 12.	Add a bullet point under 'A strategy for Sport and Recreation' on page 64 to read 'To encourage 'heart healthy' activities such as swimming, walking, cycling and encouraging people to incorporate exercise into their daily lives'.
			Table 3, point 4 under sustainable communities – Question the statement 'need to maintain good levels of car ownership and the distance commuted to work is high'car ownership is not a good measure of economic prosperity and the distance commuted to work must be reduced. Alternatives to the care is a priority.	Agreed. We need to reduce car ownership to reduce trips made by car. The table identifies the key issues and problems. The distance commuted to work is an issue and as such this part of the sentence should remain as originally written.	Amend paragraph 4 of table 3 to read 'Need to maintain good reduced levels of car ownership and the. Distance'
			Table 2, Natural Environment , section 4 ' reducing CO2 emissions should also include reducing the need to travel and use of the private car.	Accepted. Car use does contribute to CO2 emissions and reducing CO2 emissions does need to include reducing the use of the car.	Amend Table 3 section 4 under natural environment to read 'The council should work on reducing CO2 emissions through energy efficiency measures and sustainable construction techniques and reducing the use of the private car'.

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			The Stepping Forward project has carried out a resource flow analysis, ecological footprint analysis and sustainability assessment of the South West of England. This provides baseline data on energy use, material consumption, transport, water, land use, and so on in the South West.	Although, stepping forward does provide a large amount of detailed data. This does not go to the district level and therefore does not identify how Salisbury District is performing.	None required.
			Table 4, bullet point 3 under sustainable communities insert 'Reduce the need to travel' at the beginning of this statement.	Agreed, part of creating a sustainable community should include reducing the need to travel.	Amend table 7, bullet point 3 under sustainable communities to read 'Reduce the need to travel, Improve transport choice,'.
			Table 4, bullet 4 under The Natural Environment', Add at the end of the statement 'identify and protect natural greens space within and linking communities – green infrastructure'.	Most of the district is protected through designated landscapes and are afforded protection through these. It is therefore felt that bullet point 4 already covers greenspace. Furthermore more formal greenspace is regarded as a facility, which is included within bullet point 5 under the economy'.	None required.
			Objective 17 – The inclusion of 'adopt green business standards' would mitigate some of the conflicts identified under the compatibility assessment.	The objective 'to facilitate sustainable economic growth' implies that economic growth needs to be achieved in a sustainable way. Although there may be conflict with other objectives, the aim of the objectives is to identify where there might be issues and where mitigation might be possible or if development (of any kind) may be unacceptable.	None required.
16	Woodland Trust	Object	Table 2 under the natural environment. We would like to see listed the South West Regional Woodland and Forestry Framework 2005 produced by the Forestry commissions as this is a key document for biodiversity policy.	Accepted.	Amend Table 2 under natural environment and 'protect or enhance rare or special landscapes add reference to the 'South West Regional Woodland and Forestry Framework 2005'. This additionally needs to be added to Table 1 and detail of the contents of the strategy

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		<u>'</u>			included within appendix 2.
		Object	Table 2, point 4 under 'the natural environment' amend the key message to read ' Protect and enhance' rather than 'protect or enhance' to strengthen the theme.	Accepted, amend table 2, point 4 under 'the natural environment' to read 'Protect erand enhance rare'	Amend table 2, point 4 under 'the natural environment' to read 'Protect or and enhance rare'
		Object	Under the Sustainable Communities heading, the Trust would like to see a reference to lack of publicly accessible greenspace, such as community woodland, as one of the 'key issues and problems', with the woodland access standard as an indicatory. Numerous studies on greenspace and particularly woodland have shown that they are highly valued by communities and that access to woodland is not only important to health benefits through exercise but also makes visitors feel happy, relaxed and close to nature.	It is acknowledged that there is a shortage of woodland, not only in the district but across England as a whole.	Amend document to include a baseline indicator under the title natural environment to identify access to woodland in the district. Additionally the strategy 'Space for People – Targeting Action for Woodland Access' will be added to Appendix 2. Reference to the strategy will additionally be added to Table 1.
		Object	Concern about the lack of any reference in the baseline data to threatened and irreplaceable seminatural habitats such as ancient woodland.	Accepted. Within Appendix 2 under PPS9 reference to ancient woodlands will be added. Reference to PPS9 will be added to Table 2 under natural environment point 4.	Amend table 2, under natural environment, point 4 to include reference to PPS9. Amend appendix 2 under PPS 9 to read in the final column bulled 2 'indicate the location of designated sites of importance for biodiversity and geodiversity, making clear distinctions between the hierarchy of international, national, regional and locally designated sites, including areas of ancient woodland that do not have statutory protection.
		Object	Table 4 under the natural environment, the trust objects to the issue identified under bullet point 4 'Protection and enhancement of designated landscapes, woodland, biodiversity and trees. This wording excludes those irreplaceable semi-natural habitats, such as ancient woodland and ancient	Accepted, it is recognised that ancient woodlands afford protection despite sometimes not being designated. Additionally, as a result of English Nature's response, we also aim to protect priority species, habits and their networks	Amend point 4 under the Natural Environment within table 4 to read 'Protection and enhancement of designated and important landscapes, woodland, biodiversity and trees, including priority species,

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			trees, that do not benefit from designated or statutory protection.	and reference to this has also been added to the issue.	habitats and their networks".
		Support	The trust supports Objective 11 and is particularly pleased that this Objective does not seek to qualify biodiversity by restricting it to designated sites only.	Noted.	None required.
17	Terence O'Rourke Limited	Object	Object to Objective 10. The issues of renewable energy and energy efficiency are separate and distinct issues, the former being concerned with the generation of energy and the latter concerned with how energy is used once it has been generated. Objective 10 does not correctly address this differential. Attempts to increase the amount of energy generated from renewable sources and attempts to increase the energy efficiency of buildings are both worthy objectives for a LDF to pursue, as they are separate issues we do not consider that it is possible for energy efficiency to be improved or increased by simply promoting energy from renewable sources. It is still possible to use renewable energy in an inefficient manner, regardless of how much is generated. Objective 10 and references throughout the appraisal should be revised as follows 'To improve the energy efficiency of buildings and to promote the generation of energy from renewable resources in the district'.	Accepted. The objective and other references throughout the document should be amended to be more coherent in order to detail exactly what is needed to be achieved.	Amend Objective 10 'To increase energy efficiency including the promotion of energy generated from renewable resources in the district and improving energy efficiency of buildings To increase energy efficiency including that of buildings and to promote the generation of energy from renewable resources'.
18	English Nature		Overall satisfied that the Scoping report satisfies the views of English Nature. It would be useful to consider the following policies:		
			 International Bern conservation of European wildlife and natural habitats (1992) Bonn convention of conservation of migratory species (1979) Convention on biological diversity (1993) Effects of certain public and private projects on the environment directive (85/337/EEC and 	The international programmes identified will be added to appendix 2 – Relevant policies, plans programmes and sources of sustainability objectives.	Amend Appendix 2, table 1 and table 2 to include the 4 international programmes identified.

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			97/11/EC) National UK Biodiversity Action Plan Regional Wiltshire Biodiversity Action Plan.	The UK BAP and Wiltshire BAP are already included within the appendix 2. The UK BAP falls under the title 'Biodiversity Strategy for England (page 39) and detail of Wiltshire BAP can be found on p62)	
			English Nature have identified accessible natural greenspace as an important facility. This includes all open space and highlights the wider social importance of access to nature. An appropriate reference should be added to the key message table.	Salisbury District Council also regards Accessible natural greenspace as in important facility. The Accessible and Natural Greenspace Standard will be incorporated within Appendix 2 (Relevant, policies, plans, programmes and sources of sustainability objectives). Reference to the standard will be included within table 1 and table 2.	Add to Appendix 2 the Accessible Natural Greenspace Standards. Amend table 1 under national and natural environment to include the Accessible Natural Greenspace Standards. Within table 2 point 1 under sustainable communities add the Accessible Natural Greenspace Standards to the evidence source.
			Within table 2, under natural environment, not only should the River Avon SAC be conserved and enhanced but all other SACs and SSSIs in the district should be conserved and enhanced too. The other SACs include Salisbury Plain, Chilmark Quarries, Prescombe Down and the New Forest.	Accepted. The other SACs within the district and protection of SSSIs will be added to table 2. However, Salisbury District Council is not longer responsible for planning within the New Forest National Park Area. This has now, as of 1st April 2006, been transferred to the New Forest National Park Authority	Amend Table 2, point 1 under The Natural Environment to read 'Conserve and enhance the River Avon SAC and other wetlands. Respect constraints of source protection zones'.
					Add a further key message 'Conserve and enhance the River Avon, Chilmark Quarries, Prescombe Down and Salisbury Plain SACs, the Porton Down and Salisbury Plain Special Protection Areas and SSSIs across the District'. Add to the evidence source 'River Avon SAC
					Conservation Strategy, Chilmark Vale Environmental Management Plan., European Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), Biodiversity Strategy

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					for England (2002), PPS9, Wiltshire Biodiversity Action Plan'. Add detail of the Chilmark Vale Environmental Management Plan to Appendix 2.
			There is a lack of baseline biodiversity information and would suggest including the following baseline information:		
			 Areas under environmentally sensitively areas and countryside stewardship schemes The use of species specific population indices Mapping of nature conservation areas Meeting English Nature's accessible greenspace standards. 	It is felt that species specific information is too specific for the core strategy scoping report. However species specific data will be needed for more specific site allocation SA Scoping Reports The review of other policies, programmes, plans and strategies has identified that species need to be protected. However as detailed above reference to English Nature Greenspace Standards will be made within the SA Scoping Report.	None required.
			Under A3, Identifying Sustainability Issues and Problems, the fourth key sustainability issues within the natural environment these could be amended to appreciate that protection and enhancement should not be solely restricted to designated areas. It would be useful to include priority species, habitats and their networks in order to recognise whether undesignated sites deserve similar protection and enhancement.	Agreed.	Amend point 4 under the Natural Environment within table 4 to read 'Protection and enhancement of designated and important landscapes, woodland, biodiversity and trees, including priority species habitats and their networks'.
			Under A4 Developing the Sustainability Framework (Sustainability objectives) – It is perhaps more suitable to treat biodiversity separately from the aesthetic value of the landscape in Objective 11 and also include the conservation of enhancement of geodiversity.	In developing the objectives the Council were trying to keep the number of objectives to a manageable level in line with ODPM guidance. However, it is acknowledged that biodiversity should be separate from landscape value as for example, a site might have no landscape implications but strong biodiversity implication. Therefore objective 11 should be made into 2 separate	Amend Objective 11 to read 'To conserve and enhance the districts landscape, including the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty'. Add a further objective to read 'To conserve and enhance the districts biodiversity and geodiversity, including 'Appropriate Assessment'

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			With regard to objective 9; the value of Brownfield land should be recognised for its potential biodiversity value in contrast to being targeted solely for development purposes.	objectives. It is also felt that the need for 'Appropriate Assessment' should be highlighted. Accepted	Amend objective 9 to read 'To use land efficiently, where appropriate maximise the use of brownfield land'
			Within objective 6 it would be useful to explicitly include access to nature.	Salisbury District Council regards greenspace as being an important facility, and it is therefore felt that it is not necessary to specifically identify this within an objective.	None required.
			The following objective should also be considered as an important inclusion, 'The maintenance and enhancement of BAP habitats and species in line with regional and national targets.	It is felt that although biodiversity is important, it is not necessary to specifically identify the Biodiversity Action Plan within the objectives and the new biodiversity objective already identifies biodiversity as an issue.	None required.
19	Jane Ferguson (Council Solicitor)	Object / Observation	There should be a section on the Habitats regulations.	 The following habitat regulations will be included within appendix 2 of the scoping report: Bern conservation of European wildlife and natural habitats (1992) Bonn Convention of the conservation of migratory species (1979) Convention of biological diversity (1993) Effects of certain public and private projects on the environment directive (85/337/EEC and 97/11/EC) European Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) 	As previously detailed, the following habitat regulation and strategies will be added to appendix 2. Bern conservation of European wildlife and natural habitats (1992) Bonn Convention of the conservation of migratory species (1979) Convention of biological diversity (1993) Effects of certain public and private projects on the environment directive (85/337/EEC and 97/11/EC) European Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC)

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			There should be a section on Special Area's of Conservation and the requirements for an appropriate assessment of any plan or project likely to have a significant effect on the SAC.	Accepted. The other SACs within the district and protection of SSSIs will be added to table 2. However, Salisbury District Council is not longer responsible for planning within the New Forest National Park Area. This has now, as of 1st April 2006, been transferred to the New Forest National Park Authority	An additional objective will be added as detailed in our response to rep 18 to strengthen reference to biodiversity and appropriate assessment. As detailed to response 18 - Amend Table 2, point 1 under The Natural Environment to read 'Conserve and enhance the River Avon SAC and other-wetlands. Respect constraints of source protection zones'. Add a further key message 'Conserve and enhance the River Avon, Chilmark Quarries, Prescombe Down and Salisbury Plain SACs, the Porton Down and Salisbury Plain Special Protection Areas and SSSIs across the District'. Add to the evidence source 'River Avon SAC Conservation Strategy, Chilmark Vale Environmental Management Plan, European Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), Biodiversity Strategy
					for England (2002), PPS9, Wiltshire Biodiversity Action Plan'. Add detail of the Chilmark Vale Environmental Management Plan to Appendix 2.
			There doesn't seem to be anything on gypsies and travellers or reference to all the new guidance on needs assessment. This needs to be included.	Accepted.	Circular 01/06 will be added to appendix 2. An indicator will be added to Appendix 3 in order to identity whether there is an oversupply or shortfall of gypsy and traveller sites within the district.

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					Add to table 1 under national policies and Sustainable Communities 'Circular 01/06 Planning for Gypsy and Traveller Caravan Sites'. Within Table 2 add a further key message to sustainable communities which reads 'Ensure that members of the gypsy and traveller communities have the same rights and responsibilities as every other citizen.
					In table 4 Key Sustainability Issues amend bullet point 2 under Sustainable communities to read 'Housing provision including affordable housing, addressing homelessness and housing need and provision of housing for gypsy and traveller caravan sites'
					Amend sustainability objective 2 to read 'To ensure that everybody has the opportunity of living in a decent and affordable home, including the provision of sites for gypsies and travellers'.
			Under economy there is mention of 'enhance viability of new and existing services'. The document should go further and actually refer to town centres and our objectives in relation to them. This should be amended throughout, mentioned in the full version on page 23.	Accepted.	Amend Page 11, point 5 under 'the economy' to read 'Maintain and enhance viability and vitality of new and existing services and facilities and re-emphasise the 'town centres first' objective in respect to retail development'.
					Make this same change to Objective 20, page 14, point 5 under the economy on page 26 and

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					Objective 20 p 28.
			The issues and objectives in section 6 (page 13) are very rural focused. Within objective 6 – why is this more important in villages? And 7 why is affordable transport only an issue in rural areas?	Accepted. Appendix 3 shows that 49.32 % of SOA's fall within the lowest quartile of the IMD Access domain. This is much higher when compared nationally or regionally. Although, it is recognised that a large amount of these areas will fall into the rural areas, it is also recognised that some of these areas will fall within the urban areas.	Amend Objective 6 on page 13 and 27 to read 'To improve and protect accessibility to all services and facilities, especially in our villages.'
				However, The Community Strategy for Salisbury and South Wiltshire, identifies as a key target and indicator the provision of affordable rural transport. This has been identified though community consultation and has not been identified as an issues in the urban areas. For this reason it is felt that objective 7 should remain as is.	None required.
			What does 'provide a fully inclusive environment' and objective 8 really mean what this addresses to the more specific issues/objectives.	The Rural Strategy 2004, A Strategy for Sport and Recreation in South Wiltshire and the ODPM Good Practise Guide – Planning and access for disabled people, all identify inclusion of excluded groups and access for all as important including groups such as the disabled and the socially excluded. It is important to keep these groups in mind. This objective is designed to catch the issues highlighted – ensuring all new buildings are accessible at the planning application stage and that all excluded groups have more of an opportunity.	None required.
			On page 18 Strategic Environmental Assessment. The text does not make the application of the SEA Directive clear. The text should say that the SEA	Partly agree. Incorporating 'plans and programmes' into the relevant paragraph will make it clearer as to what an SA tries	Amend paragraph 1 under SA and SEA to read 'The requirements of the Strategic Environmental

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			directive requires authorities to look at the effects of 'plans and programmes' and if possible define or give examples of the plans an d programmes where SEA/SA is required.	to achieve. However, Page 17, paragraph 1, under introduction, stipulates the planning documents which need to be assessed against an SA and that the SA must meet the requirements of the SEA Directive. It is therefore felt that this has already been addressed and does not need to be reiterated.	Assessment (SEA) Directive must be incorporated into the SA process. The SEA Directive requires authorities to look at the likely significant effects that plans and programmes, if implemented, will have on the environment, including short, medium and long-term effects, permanent and temporary effects, positive and negative effects, and secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects of issues such as
			Where do the community plans fit into this.	Agreed, the 6 community plans should be analysed to inform any issues and objectives within the SA Scoping report.	Place details of the 6 community area plans into appendix 2: City Community Plan, Four Rivers community plan, Mere community plan, Nadder Valley community plan, Southern community plan, Stonehenge community plan. Reference to these plans will be incorporated into table 1 under local and sustainable communities. Any key messages will be placed within table 2 or evidence source added where appropriate.
			Within appendix 2 it would be clearer to add details of who the regional documents were prepared by.	Agreed.	Reference to who regional documents have been prepared by will be added to appendix 2.
			Have all of the Council's strategies been picked up. Do we nave an arts and / or cultural strategy.	Agreed.	The council's cultural strategy will be added to appendix 2, and table 1. Any key messages will be added to table 2 and / or the evidence source.
20	Wiltshire	Object	The lack of importance attributed to climate change	The underlying aim of sustainable	None required.

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	Wildlife Trust		is disappointing. We would recommend the inclusion of an objective specific to climate change which could be: 'To ensure that plans aim to reduce and buffer the impacts of climate change on vulnerable habitats and species'.	development is to combat climate change. It is not felt that a specific objective associated with climate change is necessary, however, other objectives will be amended to emphasise climate change.	
			We do not believe that the objectives and indicators set out are robust enough to examine whether plans are likely to deliver sustainable development.	Accepted, various amendments will be made to the scoping report to ensure it is more robust. These are as a result of other comments received.	No specific changes.
			The Trust believes that there were many other plans, programmes, strategies and sustainability objectives which have not been considered. The following documents should also be included:	Accepted.	
			 International The Convention on Biological Diversity, Rio de Janeiro, 1992 Bern Convention for the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, 1992 Waste Framework Directive (91/156/EEC) 	Accepted.	 Reference of this will be included within appendix 2. Reference to this should be included within appendix 2. Although it is accepted this framework is relevant the objectives should fall into PPS10 and the Waste Strategy for England and Wales (2000) which area all included in appendix 2.
			 Environment 2010: Our Future, Our Choice (EU Sixth Environment Action Programme) Landfill Directive (99/31/EC) 	Accepted.	Reference to this will be included within Appendix 2. The deadline for implementation of the Landfill Directive was 16 July 2001. It is therefore assumed that the processes required within the directive have been incorporated within other waste strategies.
			Bonn Convention on Conservation of Migratory	Accepted.	Reference to this will be included

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			Species 1979 • United Nations Millennium Declaration 2000	•	The declaration, is a general international declaration, affirming UN members commitment to issues such as peace, poverty, human rights,
					globalisation, environmental protection amongst many others. It is affirming many goals that cascade into European and national legislation and it is therefore felt not necessary to include this.
			Directive on the Assessment of the Effects of Certain Public and Private Projects on the Environment (85/337/EEC, amended by 97/11/EC)	Accepted. This appears to be the underlying legislation that requires environmental assessment of plans and programmes which may have environmental effects.	Reference to this will be made in appendix 2.
			National PPS2 Greenbelt	There is no greenbelt within the district, therefore PPG2 is not relevant.	None required.
			PPS12 Local Development Frameworks	PPS12 provides the structure of the Local Development Framework and how a sustainability appraisal should be incorporated. It does not suggest environmental targets that should be included. It therefore is not necessary to include reference to it in this SA scoping report.	None required.
			Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)	The means by which the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (the 'Bern Convention') and the European	Reference will be added to Appendix 2.

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				Union Directives on the Conservation of Wild Birds (79/409/EEC) and Natural Habitats and Wild Fauna and Flora (92/43/FFC) are implemented in Great Britain. Reference will be included within appendix 2.	
			Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000	The CroW Act covers four main areas of interest; Access to Open Country, Public Rights of Way, Nature Conservation and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Due to the importance of the countryside in the district, this should be included within appendix 2.	Reference will be added to Appendix 2.
			UK Biodiversity Action Plan	The UK BAP and Wiltshire BAP are already included within the appendix 2. The UK BAP falls under the title 'Biodiversity Strategy for England (page 39) and detail of Wiltshire BAP can be found on p62)	None required.
			Working with the Grain of Nature: A Biodiversity Strategy for England	The Strategy seeks to ensure biodiversity considerations become embedded in all main sectors of public policy and sets out a programme for the next five years to make the changes necessary to conserve, enhance and work with the grain of nature and ecosystems rather than against them. This should be included within appendix 2.	Reference will be included within Appendix 2.
			Air Quality Strategy: Working Together for Clean Air	The Wiltshire Air Quality Strategy should include the objectives of the national air quality strategy and therefore this is not felt necessary.	None required.
			The Historic Environment: A Force for Our Future	This strategy highlights important issues and government objectives with regard to the historic environment and should be	Reference will be included within Appendix 2.

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				included to support our objectives on the historic environment. Details will be included within Appendix 2, and added to the appropriate areas of the report.	
			The First Soil Action Plan for England: 2004- 2006	It is not felt necessary to include this within the scoping report.	None required.
			Space for Nature (English Nature's greenspace standards)	Salisbury District Council also regards Accessible natural greenspace as in important facility. The Accessible and Natural Greenspace Standard will be incorporated within Appendix 2 (Relevant, policies, plans, programmes and sources of sustainability objectives). Reference to the standard will be included within table 1 and table 2. However, in comparison to the regional and national levels this is not seen to be an issue for the District.	Add to Appendix 2 the Accessible Natural Greenspace Standards. Amend table 1 under national and natural environment to include the Accessible Natural Greenspace Standards. Within table 2 point 1 under sustainable communities add the Accessible Natural Greenspace Standards to the evidence source
			Regional Developing the Regional Transport Strategy in the South West	Highlights more specific transport issues associated with the South West and therefore should be included. Reference will be added to Appendix 2, and added to the appropriate areas of the report.	Reference will be added to Appendix 2.
			An Integrated Regional Strategy for the South West – Just Connect	This tries to address disparities that exist within the region. The issues raised are also evident in the district and this should also be included. Reference will be added to Appendix 2, and added to the appropriate areas of the report.	Reference will be added to Appendix 2
			A Biodiversity Guide for the Planning and Development Sectors in the South West	Biodiversity, has been incorporated in many areas. The document is not readily available and therefore has not been incorporated.	None required.

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			South West Biodiversity Action Plan 1997	Implementation Plan is included within the report. This supersedes the Biodiversity Action Plan 1997 and it is therefore now out of date.	None required.
			Revision 2010- Empowering the Region. Renewable Electricity Targets for the South West	The document highlights the importance of renewable energy in electricity generation and sets generation targets for each county. This should be included. Reference will be added to Appendix 2, and added to the appropriate areas of the report.	Reference will be added to Appendix 2.
			SSA Appraisal Framework	This SSA Appraisal Framework performs a SA on the Regional Spatial Strategy, this was used to inform the preparation of the Salisbury draft SA Scoping Report. Therefore, it is not felt necessary to include the actual regional SSA Framework. The RSS itself is referenced within the Salisbury draft SA scoping report. RSS targets within the report will be updated as updates have been made to the draft RSS since the production of this draft SA Scoping Report.	Amend targets the targets of the draft RSS within Appendix 2 in line with more recent publication of drafts.
			RPG10 South West Regional Planning Guidance	RPG10 will be superseded by the RSS for the South West. It is not therefore felt necessary to include this.	None required.
			South West Regional Waste Strategy	The South West Regional Waste Strategy has informed the waste policies of the RSS which have now been updated. It is not therefore felt necessary to include this strategy as well.	None required.
			South West Regional Environmental Strategy	The South West Environment Strategy has informed the environmental policies of the RSS. It is therefore not felt necessary to include this strategy as well.	None required.

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			The State of the Countryside in the South West	This provides numerous statistics, many of which are shown in appendix 3, for this reason it is not felt necessary to include this document within the draft SA Scoping Report.	None required.
			 South West Regional Nature Map South West Regional Woodland & Forestry Framework 2005 	Agreed.	Amend Table 2 under natural environment and 'protect or enhance rare or special landscapes add reference to the 'South West Regional Woodland and Forestry Framework 2005'. This additionally needs to be added to Table 1 and detail of the contents of the strategy included within appendix 2
			The Delivery Plan for a Sustainable Farming and Food Industry in the South West 2004	The rural area, and farming is important to the district council. The delivery plan identifies several objectives that can be assisted by the planning system. The plan will be included within Appendix 2, and added to the appropriate areas of the report.	Reference will be added to appendix 2.
			Natural Advantages: Action for Biodiversity in the South West – Case Studies in Sustainability	This provides examples rather than specific objectives and targets and therefore it is not necessary to include this within the draft SA Scoping report.	None required.
			State of Nature: Lowlands – future landscapes for wildlife 2004	Encourages policy to be produced in a wider context. The plan will be included within Appendix 2, and added to the appropriate areas of the report.	Reference will be added to appendix 2.
			West Wiltshire District Council Local Plan Kennet District Council Local Plan	It is not felt necessary to include the local plan of other adjoining Wiltshire authorities.	None required.

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			Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Local Plan 2011 Wiltshire and Swindon Minerals Local Plan 2006	Although the LDF will be concerned with waste and recycling, it is not responsible for the LDF to provide for waste and minerals site. It is felt that the Municipal Waste Management Strategy, BVPI's, PPS10 and the Waste Strategy for England and Wales provide sufficient targets and objectives that are relevant to the waste and recycling goals of the LDF.	None required.
			Wiltshire Structure Plan 2016: Deposit Draft Alteration	Wiltshire County Council, have reproduced the whole of the structure plan to include their alterations. The overlying themes of the plan remain the same, although the main thrust of the alteration is to focus development in the principal urban areas. Therefore reference to the Wiltshire Structure Plan on page 61 will be amended to the alteration version of the structure plan.	Change reference of the Wiltshire Structure Plan 2011 to 2016.
			Wiltshire Structure Plan 2016: Report of the Panel (Oct 2004)	The panel report provides the recommendations resulting from the Examination in Public. As the structure plan alteration has now been adopted, it is not now seen as relevant to include this document.	None required.
			Provisional Wiltshire Local Transport Plan	Agreed. The plan will be included within Appendix 2, and added to the appropriate areas of the report.	Reference will be added to appendix 2.
			In general the key sustainable development themes identified within Table 2 are correct. However: The themes here should draw out the key message of protection for all SACs and SPAs in	Accepted. As detailed under objection 18, table 2 will be amended.	Accepted. As detailed under rep 18, table 2 will be amended.
			Rather than 'ensure Wiltshire Biodiversity Action Plan is taken into account', the Trust would suggest that the key message is that plans	Accepted.	Amend point 3, page 22 under The Natural Environment to read 'Maintain, enhance, restore or add to biodiversity and geological

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			should 'further the aims and objectives set out in the Wiltshire BAP.		conservation and ensure Wiltshire Biodiversity Action Plan is taken into account further the aims and objectives set out in the Wiltshire BAP.'
			Concern that the Natural Environment Themes identified are incomplete. We would recommend inserting reference to key messages such as: • An additional themes should be added to draw out the importance of conserving linear features and stepping stones within the wider environment. This is a requirement of the habitats directive and is intended to facilitate effective migration, dispersal and genetic exchange within species	Accepted. PPS9 sees networks of natural habitats as a valuable resource. It requires local authorities to maintain networks and to protect them from development. And where possible to strengthen or integrate within it.	Amend table 2, point 4 under the natural environment to read 'Protect or enhance rare or special landscapes, trees, woodland, hedgerows and biodiversity, including international sites, SSSI's, regional and local sites, ancient woodlands, networks of natural habitats, previously developed land, biodiversity within developments and species protected under Section 74 of the CRoW Act.' Amend column three to include 'PPS9'.
					Add to column 2 of appendix 2 under PPS9 'Sites of biodiversity and geological conservation value include international sites, sites of special scientific interest, regional and local sites, ancient woodland and other important natural habitats, network of natural habitats, previously developed land, biodiversity within developments'. Add to appendix 2 detail of the
			Habitats Directive emphasises the use of the Precautionary Principle where European Sites may be affected. This should be highlighted.	Agreed. To be in accordance with the Habitats Directive 'appropriate assessment' will be required.	requirements of the CRoW Act. Amend as detailed under response to rep 19.

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			A key message of PPS9 is that Local Authorities have a duty to protect and conserve habitats and species listed in Section 74 of the CRoW Act 2000. Reference to this obligation, which is a key test of sustainable development, should be included within Table 2.	Accepted. Paragraph 11 of PPS9 requires this. Appendix 2 under PPS9 column 2 will be amended to reflect this. Reference to the CRoW Act has been included within table 2 as detailed previously (2 points above this one).	Amend column 3 of appendix 2, paged 43 under PPS9 to include 'local authorities should conserve other important natural habitat types that have been identified in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 section 74 list'.
			Both PPS9 and the South West Regional Woodland and Forestry Framework 2005 include a key message relating to the protection and conservation of Ancient Woodland. This is an important theme of sustainable development and should be included.	Accepted	The change to be implemented is detailed under response to rep 16 (Woodland Trust).
			Little reference has been made to areas of accessible greenspace. The Key messages of which should be addressed in Table 2.	Accepted.	The change to be implemented is detailed under response to rep 18 (English Nature)
			There is a distinct lack of biodiversity baseline information as presented in Table 3, which must be addressed for SA to fulfil its stated purpose.	Accepted.	Reference to biodiversity has been strengthened under our response to rep 16 (woodland Trust) and 18 (English Nature).
			A key issue listed under sustainable communities in table 3 is the 'need to maintain good levels of car ownership'. This appears to contradict the message of sustainable development, more information of clarification is needed.	Accepted.	This is to be amended as detailed under our response to rep 12 (Friends of the Earth)
			Under Natural Environment in table 3, a key issues is 'Use of brownfield land should be maximised' This statement should be amended to read 'Where appropriate, use of brownfield, in line with the recommendations set out in Paragraph 13 of PPS9.	Accepted.	This is to be amended as detailed under our response to rep 18 (English Nature)
			Whilst we agree that the % of the district designated as SSSI is an important baseline measurement, the Trust believes it is also imperative to include a measure of the condition of the SSSI's by area.	Agree. On page 25, table 3, point under 'Natural environment /Design and conservation, reference will also be made to the baseline indicator '% of SSSI land in 'favourable condition'.	Add to page 25, table 3, point under 'Natural environment /Design and conservation' reference to % of SSSI land in favourable condition

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			 Additional baseline information should be incorporated to include: % of the district identified as County Wildlife Sites (WS). Wildlife Sites are non-statutory, locally designated sites highlighted in the local plan and Wiltshire BAP. Incorporate the area of Environmentally Sensitive Areas Incorporate the area under Countryside Stewardship Scheme Incorporate a measure of protected species abundance and distribution (perhaps Farmland Bird Index and the Wiltshire branch of Butterfly Conservation would be useful starting points. Include English Nature's greenspace standards. 	A large amount of this data is not currently easily available. However, once the data is available, these data sets can be added to the baseline data within the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report. Accept	As detailed in our response to rep 18 (English Nature).
			The proposed sustainability indicator relating to biodiversity is insufficient. It does not currently make clear the breadth and importance of biodiversity which must be conserved as a key test of sustainable development. Emphasis must be placed on the importance of non-designated sites (both WS and the wider landscape) in the maintenance of biodiversity. Some examples of indicators that should be included are: • Condition of SACs, SPAs, SSSIs and County Wildlife Sites. • Reported levels of damage to SACs, SPAs, SSSI's and CWS (in hectares), as a result of plans. • Area of new habitat that contributes towards UK, regional or local BAP habitats and species targets, • Number of plans causing harm to protected and	Agreed.	Reference to these designations have already been incorporated under our response to 16 (Woodland Trust), 18 (English Nature).
			important priority species Priority species, habitats and their networks should be recognised, as they are protected by law and are critical for the protection and enhancement of		

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			biodiversity. In general the objectives are consistent with policy and guidance, although there is a lack of detail which may affect the SA's ability to deliver sustainable development. The Natural Environment objectives are not robust, and are not likely to facilitate the delivery of sustainable development. The following amendments should be made:		
			Amend objective 9 to 'where appropriate maximising the use of brownfield land' to recognise the biodiversity value brownfield land may have	Agreed.	Amend objective 9 to read 'To use land efficiently, where appropriate maximise the use of brownfield land'
			Objective 11 should be divided into two objectives as landscape and biodiversity should be considered separately, they do not always accord.	Agreed.	As detailed under our response to rep number 18 (English Nature).
			Add an objective 'to maintain and enhance BAP habitats and species in line with regional and national targets.	Disagree, the new objective proposed under objective 11 should highlight the need to conserve biodiversity.	None required.
			The conservation and enhancement of geodiversity should also be mentioned.	Agreed. It is proposed that geodiversity is added to the additional objective created by splitting objective 11. As detailed under our response to rep number 18 (English Nature)	As detailed under our response to rep number 18 (English Nature).
			The Trust would support the addition of an objective 'to ensure that there is no adverse change (in the quality, number and extent) in designated sites.	Disagree, the aim of sustainability appraisal is to ensure that there are no negative effects or changes as a result of plans and programmes. If this was identified the plan would not be allowed as it would not be regarded as sustainable.	None required.
			We would support the inclusion of an objective	Disagree, the aim of sustainability	None required.

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			'to ensure that there is no adverse change (loss in the overall abundance and distribution) of protected or priority species (s74 of CRoW Act 2005)	appraisal is to ensure that there are no negative effects or changes as a result of plans and programmes. If this was identified the plan would not be allowed as it would not be regarded as sustainable.	
			We would support the inclusion of an objective to ensure that there is no adverse change (in quality, number and extent) of County Wildlife Sites.	Disagree, the aim of sustainability appraisal is to ensure that there are no negative effects or changes as a result of plans and programmes. If this was identified the plan would not be allowed as it would not be regarded as sustainable.	None required.
			The following objective would demonstrate a firm commitment to both sustainable development and habitat enhancement 'achieve a net gain for biodiversity and habitat restoration, enhancement or creation'.	Disagree. The amended objective 'To conserve and enhance the districts biodiversity and geodiversity including Appropriate Assessment where necessary is strong enough to protect the biodiversity of the district.	None required.
			We would advise that the provision of targets, such as 'no detrimental effect to designated sites' would greatly enhance the ease with which the document's goals are perceived.	Disagree. The proposed new objective 'To conserve and enhance the districts biodiversity and geodiversity' should ensure that the effect on designated sites is either maintained or enhanced. It is not therefore felt that this needs to be enhanced.	None required.
21	Environment Agency	Object	The following plans and programmes should be added to the list incorporated. National Hazardous Waste Directive The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment	It is not felt that it is necessary to include these documents within the scoping	None required.
			The Planning Response to Climate Change (ODPM)	report. The Waste directives should be the responsibility of the Waste Local Authority. This is more of a guidance document rather than setting objectives and is	None required.

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			BRE's Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM -inc Eco Homes	It is not felt necessary It is not felt necessary to include the BREEAM methodology within the report. The baseline data identifies the target and this is felt to be sufficient.	None required.
			Regional and Local Policy and Practise for the Protection of Groundwater (EA) Hampshire Avon Catchment Abstraction Management Strategy (CAMS) Dorset Stour CAMS Bristol Avon CAMS Test and Itchen CAMS River Basin Management Plans (Prepared by the EA under the Water Framework Directive) Hampshire Avon Catchment Flood Management Plans (CFMP) Dorset Stour CFMP Bristol Avon CFMP Test and Itchen CFMP Water Level Management Plans (WLMPs) Areas Benefiting from Flood Defences and their Standards (ongoing EA Project) Hampshire Avon Salmon Action Plan (under review) Dorset Stour Salmon Action Plan Test and Itchen Salmon Action Plan Landcare Project (EA)	Water quality and abstraction is an important issue and these documents should be included.	Add reference to these documents in appendix 2.
			Baseline Review Some of the indicators given in table 3 would appear to be unmeasurable. In order for indicators to be measurable they need a unit of measurement. Indicators such as 'Cutting CO2 Emissions' and 'Recycling of Household Waste' do not include this. Indicators are much more specific in appendix 3, so for consistency table 3 should also reflect this.	Disagree. Table 3 identifies the key messages and sustainability issues which need to be considered within DPDs and SPDs as a result of analysing the baseline data within appendix 3. Often there are no specific targets although the issue is identified as an area which needs to be improved upon.	None required.

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			Under the theme 'the natural environment' (page 25) we would suggest that 'Minimise Flooding' is stated as a key issue/problem, as it is brought up later in the document. Indicators to accompany this should be: Number of planning applications approved for development against Environment Agency advice Number of properties receiving flood warnings.	Accepted. The number of planning applications approved for development against EA advice is already included as a baseline indicator.	Delete point 5 under 'natural environment on page 27 and replace with two points 'Management of water resources to ensure water efficiency' and 'To minimise flood risk'.
			Water consumption requires acknowledgement as a key issue. The Hampshire Avon, suffers from low flows as a result of the amount of water abstracted from groundwater resources. An objective on page 27 mentions this, so the issue should be stated in table 3. An appropriate indicator for this could be 'Quantity of water consumed (cubic metres / litres). This should also be carried forward into appendix 3.	Accepted.	Agreed, Add to table 3 under natural environment 'Management of water resources to ensure water efficiency and to minimise flood risk'. Add as an indicator 'quantity of water consumed (cubic metres / litres)' Add to appendix 3 this an a baseline indicator.
			Suggest that 'reducing CO2 emissions through sustainable construction and 'energy efficiency of buildings' are merged and given as just one issues. The two actually refer to the same thing, sustainable construction leads to energy efficiency.	Agreed	Remove point 5 under Natural Environment as this issue is covered under point 4 'Energy efficiency of buildings needs to increase to help reduce CO2 emissions'. Move the indicators to point 4 above.
			Recycling- '% of waste recycled' should be given as an indicator'	Agreed	Amend Table 3, point 7 column 3 to read 'Recycling of household waste % of waste recycled'.
			Reduction in household waste - % of domestic waste land filled' should be used as an indicator for this issue.	Disagree –less waste going to landfill may not indicate reduction in household waste, with other methods of disposal such as incineration this indicator could hide the truth.	None required
			Table 4 – Key Sustainability Issues 'The management of water resources to ensure water efficiency and to minimise flood risk' should	Disagree. It is not felt necessary to amend this issues. The Sustainability issues inform the sustainability objectives	None required.

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			be separated into two issues. The following wording would be more appropriate. • 'Sustainable management of water resources and promotion of water efficiency' • 'Minimise flood risk'	which are used to ensure planning documents are sustainable. These issues are separate within the sustainability objectives and therefore it is not felt necessary to split them here.	
			Sustainability Objectives Objective 14 – The word 'quantity' should be inserted as follows: 'To maintain and improve the water quality (and quantity) of the district's rivers and to ensure that water efficiency measures are implemented'	Agreed. A key issue is maintaining the river flows by limiting the amount of water abstracted from them.	Amend Objective 14 to read 'To maintain and improve the water quality and quantity of the districts rivers and to ensure that water efficiency measures are implemented'.
			Appendix 3 An indicator relating to the amount of water abstracted across the area should be included.	Agreed.	Add an additional indicator to appendix 3 in relation to the amount of water abstracted from the districts rivers.
			The indicator including BREEAM standards should refer to only one level of standard. We would recommend that the 'excellent' standards is chosen as all new buildings should aspire to this level of sustainability. If you must use excellent and very good, these should be within two separate indicators.	Disagree. The indicator provided by SEERA is the % of office buildings meeting BREEAM 'very good or excellent standards. This cannot be changed. However within our 'consider for action' column we do aspire to the excellent standard.	None required.
			The number of planning application approved against EA advice is substantial compared to the rest of the country. This is significant.	This issue has been highlighted to our development control team to look into.	None required.
			Other issues As well as using brownfield land, it is also important to remediate such sites of contamination. This has not been mentioned.	Agreed. This is an important issues and will be incorporated into the scoping report.	This will be incorporated into the Scoping Report.
			Agriculture surely plays a large part of the economy of the district, but has not been explored. It also has the potential to significantly affect the natural environment.	Disagree. Although agriculture does play a very important part of the economy in the district, the importance is identified within objective 17 and the protection of	None required.

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				the natural environment is identified within objectives 11, 13 and 14.	
			Sufficient foul water infrastructure to support allocated development must progress alongside and at the same rate as the development. This is part of ensuring that development is sustainable in terms of pollution prevention, so should be explored within the report.	Disagree. The aim objective 14 is to highlight that water quality needs to be improved and that water efficiency measures are incorporated into developments. Foul water infrastructure is important to ensure prior to development and objective 14 should ensure this.	None required.
			Flooding – It should be noted in the report that in order to appraise the sustainability of any LDF component, in terms of flood risk, Strategic Flood Risk Assessments (SFRAs) should be used as a tool.	Objective 12 should ensure SFRAs are undertaken.	Disagree.
22	Mrs T Austreng	Object	The report seems to deal adequately with the SEA Directive, however there is a mass of 'Report' Speak which actually covers huge themes but doesn't deal with any kind of practical implementation.	The aim of the draft SA scoping report is to identify the issues that need to be addressed in the practical implementation of plans and policies. The actual practical implementation will be addressed in future policies and plans to be devised.	None required.
				The representation will be added to our file of comments that will be taken into account when informing future policy.	
23	The Theatres Trust	Support	We are pleased to note that Objective 19 will promote sustainable tourism and cultural activities in the district and that this is linked to 'A Cultural Strategy for the South West 2003'. Also in Appendix 2 on page54 we are pleased to note that one of your overall aims is to 'Increase the participation in and provision of cultural activities across the region'	None required.	None required.
24	Salisbury Friends of the Earth	Observation	Suggests an overarching policies statement that should be included within the LDF.	The LDF is still very much in its infancy. It would be incorrect to at this stage include strong policy statements.	None required.

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			Refer to the Kyotoa Protocol, the Sustainable Development Strategy, the UK Climate Change Programme, amongst other documents, but have not followed through. These all require cuts in greenhouse gas emissions. Targets should be set based on data for our areas and should be included in the Appraisal.	Objective 15 aims to contribute to the reduction in green house gas emissions. This is identified within Table 2 of the documents.	None required.
			Dispute the requirement listed as point 4 under Sustainable Communities in table 3 'Need to maintain good levels of car ownership'. This is unclear.	Agreed.	This will be changed as detailed under our response to rep 12 (Friends of the Earth).
			The current CO2 emissions figures for the district need to be obtained / calculated and included within the baseline data to enable targets to be set.	A target for cutting CO2 emissions has been included within the baseline data in appendix 3, although there is no specific data available. This will be amended when data becomes available.	None required.
			Consider much of the wording of key sustainability issues and objectives to be too lose and vague. Then identifies, many changes to the sustainability issues identified and sustainability objectives, much of which is directly quoted from government guidance.	The aim of the draft SA scoping report is not to repeat central government guidance it is to identify sustainability issues which are identified as being relevant to the specific district. Much of the changes identified are issues which should be identified within development plan documents and not the scoping reports which identifies the issues to be addressed.	None required.
25 26 27	Pegasus Planning Group on behalf of Amesbury Property Company	Objection	Page 2, paragraph 1 – The first sentence would be robust and accurate to refer to 'planning documents and policies in the future are more sustainable'	Disagree. The aim of the sustainability appraisal is to make planning documents and policies sustainable. It requires planning authorities to go further than just make policies 'more' sustainable than they currently are.	None required.
	(25), Persimmon Homes (26)		Paragraph 2 is emotive and generally inconsistent with eh remainder of the SA document. The wording should be reassessed.	Disagree. It is not felt that this statement is inconsistent or emotive.	None required.

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	and The Longford Estate (27)		Paragraph 3 that states 'Targeting Prevention' is the only responsible and prudent course of action.	Noted.	None required.
			The phase 'tackling environmental inequalities' in paragraph 4, page 3 needs to be further explained as it is unclear as the precise meaning intended in the documents.	It is not felt that his statement in unclear.	None required.
			Support recognition that development, growth and prosperity need not and should not be in conflict with sustainability.	Noted	None required.
			Welcome an approach which 'progresses towards sustainability' as referred to in the last paragraph on page 3.	Noted.	None required
			Paragraph 2, page 5, second sentence, should refer to 'delivering more sustainable communities'	Disagree. The aim of the sustainability appraisal is to make planning documents and policies sustainable. It requires planning authorities to go further than just make policies 'more' sustainable than they currently are.	None required.
			Furthermore, Stage B, page 5, should make clear whether any 'weighting' will be used by the Council when assessing alternative options or policies. It is important that such assessments are undertaken on a consistent and transparent basis.	We are currently at stage A of the process. However, the Council will apply the weighting to the objectives fairly. But obviously depending on the external circumstances some objectives may have to hold higher weight than others	None required.
			The Stage D consultation period would benefit by being slightly extended to give participants more to respond. 8 weeks would be more appropriate.	Part 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004, requires a minimum 6 week public consultation period. SA needs to be consulted alongside its relevant DPD /SPD, and as such we do not currently plan to extend this period.	None required.
			Page 7, paragraph 1 should be amended to include reference to 'sustainability' being the cornerstone of	Disagree, this section is within the non-technical summary and has been inserted	None required.

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			international, national and regional policy.	to provide the general public further information regarding what the Local Development Framework is.	
			The diagram on p 8 would benefit if the context within which the LDS sits is shown by an outer box depicting International, National and Regional Policy.	Disagree. Again this is shown to try and explain the LDS to the general public. Incorporating reference to regional, national and international policies could serve to confuse the public.	None required.
			On p9 the topics covered should take account of demographic change, mitigation matters and the latest population projections.	Disagree: This information gives a very brief overview of the general topics covered and is not intended to be specific.	None required.
			The specific percentage of affordable homes should be deleted as this may be subject to further change and may prejudice decision to be taken in the LDF and RSS process.	Agreed. This % could well change and therefore this sentence should be amended.	Amend paragraph 6, page 9 sentence 2 to read 'we require that a 40 % of new homes'.
			Page 11, the box on sustainable communities should also refers to demand for all types of housing and the strategic housing requirements for the district.	Disagree. The purpose of SA scoping report is to identify specific issues within the district. The Strategic housing requirements are prescribed by the region. Affordable housing provision and addressing homelessness are the two housing stock specific issues that have been identified.	None required.
			Many matters listed in the boxes appear to be beyond pure 'spatial planning' and relate to matters influenced by bodies, interests and processes. The SA should remain focused on wheat the district council can achieve through the LDF and acknowledge where it is reliant on others.	Through spatial planning we are now required to address much wider issues than traditional planning, and are required to assist, where possible, the delivery of many variables that can result through changes in the built and physical environment.	None required.
			Objective 1 on page 13 needs to be further defined. What is meant by a 'vibrant community. How will this be measured.	Creating a vibrant community incorporates providing a physical built environment where people want to be. This is important and should be maintained.	None required.

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			Whilst recognising the government policy on minimum density, there remains an issue of 'Town Cramming' which should be avoided at Salisbury.	Disagree. There is no reference to 'Town Cramming'.	None required.
			Support the objective of making the LDF as sustainable as possible and the SA being an iterative process. It is essential that the SA is kept as straight forward and simple as possible t maintain transparency in the decision making in the LDF.	Noted.	None required.
			The Council have adequately covered the requirements of SEA Directive.	Noted	None required.
			Regional section of Table 1, page 20 should include reference to the Integrated Regional Strategy, the Regional Transport Strategy and the Regional Housing Strategy.	Disagree. These strategies should have been taken into account in producing the Regional Spatial Strategy.	None required.
			Question 3, page 18 identifies 5 themes including 'general development' whereas the remainder of the document only covers the first 4 themes. Is there anything missing from the draft of should there only be 4 themes.	It was decided to keep the themes identified within our LDS the same throughout all of our planning documents for consistency. However, when producing the draft SA scoping report it was not deemed necessary to carry this theme through as there were no objectives relevant to this theme. Therefore there is nothing missing from the document.	None required.
			In Table 2, the evidence should be the Wiltshire and Swindon Structure Plan 2016 not 2011.	Agreed.	As detailed under our response to rep 18 (English Nature).
			In Table 2 Reference should also be made to the regional transport strategy and 'Places, Streets and Movement'.	These documents are not included within the evidence base in appendix 2. It is not felt necessary to included these documents. The Regional Spatial Strategy is now informed by the Regional Transport Strategy. The information in the scoping report regarding the RSS will	

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				be updated to represent these updates that have occurred since the publication of the draft SA scoping report.	
			In terms of 'accommodating housing principally within existing urban areas the evidence sources should include, PPG3, Draft PPS3 and the associated companion documents and PPS1.	Agreed.	Within column 3, page 21 under 'accommodate housing principally within existing urban areas' add reference to 'PPG3, draft PPS3 and PPS1'.
			The section on Key Worker Housing on page 21 should include reference to the Regional Housing Strategy.	Disagree. This should have been included within the RSS. The key messages from the RSS is proposed to be amended in line with further versions that have been published since the draft scoping report was published.	None required.
			The section on housing should refer to the Wiltshire and Swindon Structure Plan, the Regional Housing Strategy and RSS10.	Partially agree. Reference to the Structure Plan and the RSS will be added to the housing messages within Appendix 2. The Regional Housing Strategy again informs the RSS and it is therefore not felt necessary to include this.	Page 21, point add 'Wiltshire Structure Plan 2016 and draft RSS' to the evidence source column.
			In section on page 22 on 'providing a better mix of dwelling sizes', the evidence should refer to PPG3, Draft PPS3, the Structure Plan and the Salisbury Housing Market Area Assessment.	Partially agree. Reference to PPG3, draft PPS3 and the Structure Plan will be added. However there is not yet a Housing Market Area Assessment for Salisbury and therefore this cannot be included.	Page 22, point 3, within the evidence base column add reference to 'PPG3, draft PPS3, and Structure Plan 2016'.
			The section on reducing waste arising on page 22 should refer to the Wiltshire Waste Local Plan and Waste Management Plans.	The key targets of reducing waste fall out of PPS 10 and Best Value Performance Indicators identified within the baseline review. It is therefore not felt necessary to include reference to these within the scoping report.	None required.
			The Section on the Economy should also refer to RSS10 and the Structure Plan 2016.	Agreed.	Add to page 23 column 3 under 'economy' reference to ' <u>RSS and</u> <u>Wiltshire Structure Plan 2016'</u>

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			The section on design and conservation should include reference to 'By design' and the SDC Design Guide.	Agreed.	Add to point 2 page under 'design and conservation' reference to 'Creating Places'.
			The paragraph regarding Stage A2 should include reference to the WCC Housing and Employment Monitoring Reports and the Salisbury District Annual Monitoring Report.	Disagree. It is not felt necessary to include reference to the monitoring reports within this paragraph. It has not been made clear exactly where reference to these reports should be made.	None required.
			The baseline data is not considered sufficient. It should acknowledge that not all affordable housing need is for small units.	Disagree, due to changing demographics and cost of large units. More smaller and affordable dwellings are required in the district, rather than larger more expensive units.	None required.
			The section on housing delivery should measure housing completions relative to the Structure Plan 2016 and RSS10. The Council should also try to measure the % of number of households engaged in homeworking, this is key to reducing car use.	Disagree. Salisbury District have historically not been meeting its targets and have measured this against historic requirements. The future requirements are still to some degree uncertain and it would therefore be premature to use the figures suggested.	None required.
			In terms of population growth, the indicator should be demographic change as factors such as an aging population, economic in-migration and retirement mitigation will have an impact on housing.	Agreed. An indicator should be included within appendix 3 that reflects demographic change and placed in column 3, page 25 point 1 to indicate this.	Amend page 25 point 1, column 3 to include reference to 'Demographic Change'. Add to appendix 3 an indicator looking at demographic change.
			Second homes and military housing demand should be monitored.	Partially agree. Second homes should be included within the baseline data in appendix 3. Military housing demand is not the responsibility of the local planning authority and is not therefore not felt necessary to include this.	Add to Appendix 3 a baseline indicator showing the number of second homes'.
			The indicator on development density should refer	Agreed.	Amend p 25, column 3, point 2

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			to schemes over 30 d/ha not the range as it is possible that some schemes, in future, may exceed 50 d/ha.		under natural environment to read '% of new / converted dwellings completed at between 30 and 50 hectares, % of new dwellings completed at over 50 dwellings per hectare'.
			The table refers to reducing CO2 emissions. How will this be measured and recorded. The Nitrogen dioxide levels in the district appear to go beyond what can be controlled through the LDF	Disagree. The table refers to working on reducing CO2 emissions. This could be through reducing the carbon consumption of new buildings to encouraging people to use their cars less. Air Quality is an important issue, and trying to do things such as reducing car ownership can reduce levels of Nitrogen Dioxide levels and therefore is felt to be within the realm of the LDF.	None required.
			In terms of the landscape, heritage and biodiversity to designations the indicator should be changed to impact on the designations, not simply % coverage.	Disagree. There is not a baseline indicator which looks at the change or impact on the designations.	None required.
			Table 4 – The issues also need to include a recognition, as confirmed in PPG3 of the need to provide sufficient housing to maintain economic growth.	Disagree. It is not felt that this needs to be specifically identified.	None required.
			Sustainability objectives are broadly supported. Objective 16 and other issues are beyond the scope of the LDF.	Disagree: It is not felt that objective 16 is beyond the scope of the LDF. Educational attainment can be promoted through the LDF, through initiatives such as better educational facilities.	None required.
			The first bullet under compatibility matrix should be made clear that high order policy requirements to deliver additional development in the district determine the amount of new housing development needed.	Disagree. The bullet points highlight the conflicts that might arise between the objectives. Not that central policy requirements might determine issues such as housing numbers.	None required.
			Appendix 2, page 53 should refer to the provision of housing to pick up the bullet point listed on p54.	Agreed. Since publication of the draft Scoping Report a further version has	Reference under the draft RSS will be amended to reflect the amended

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				been published of the draft RSS which is much more detailed.	requirements of the draft RSS.
			Page 61 should refer to the Structure Plan 2016 not 2011.	Agreed.	As detailed under our response to rep 18 (English Nature).
			On page 80, brownfield potential should only be maximised in sustainable localities in accordance with PPG3.	Disagree. This appears within the baseline data. The specific indicator suggests the need to maximise brownfield land. The other objectives within the scoping report will ensure that any potential sites are in a sustainable location and that are not important to nature.	None required.
28	English Heritage		Welcome inclusion in the scoping report of the South West Regional Environment Strategy and the Strategy for the Historic Environment in the South West.	Noted.	None required.
			Table 2, themes, under Design and Conservation, point 3 'Protect and enhance distinctive environments', column 3 merely repeats this.	Accepted. This is a mistake.	Amend, table, 2, under Design and Conservation, point 3, column 3 to 'Protect and enhance distinctive environments The Rural Strategy 2004, Wiltshire Structure Plan 2016'
			In table 2, welcome commitment to message that seeks to 'conserve and enhance the Stonehenge World Heritage site, Ensure the A303 Stonehenge tunnel and visitor centre goes ahead'.	Noted.	None required.
			Table 3 should make the link between sustainable communities, design and conservation. There are several sound reasons for this.	Although it is noted that there is a link between sustainable communities and design and conservation, there are not baseline indicators that highlight this link numerically. This table highlights the issues bought out by the baseline data.	None required.
			Why doe Objective 21 feature twice in the	Objective 21 appears twice because the	None required.

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			compatibility assessment. Would it not be better to combine the second and fifth bullet point?	first bullet pint with reference to objective 21 deals with those where there would be conflict and the second bullet referring to objective 21 deals with where possible conflicts may be identified. The bullet points are separate to identify this difference. It is not felt necessary to change this.	
			Why does objective 21 conflict with objectives 1, 2, 5, 7 and 8.	Objective 21, conflicts with objective 8 as ensuring an inclusive environment is often difficult when buildings are protected due to their historic significance. Objective 21 potentially conflicts with objections, 1, 2, 5 and 7 as there may be perceived conflicts between protecting the historic environment and improving the physical environment and providing features such as those that help to reduce crime, reducing traffic speeds and providing more housing.	None required.
			www.heritagecounts.org.uk includes an update summary of the number of listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, conservation areas and historic parks and gardens. This data should be included within the baseline data.	Agreed.	Appendix 3 and the baseline data will be updated to include the figures on www.heritagecounts.org.uk. Number of registered Battlefields will also be added to the baseline data.
29	Somerset County Council	No comment.	No comment.	Noted	Noted.
30	New Forest National Park	Support	Structure and presentation is clear, non-technical summary is welcomed.	Noted	Noted
	Authority	Support	Welcomes statement that the LDF will ensure that new patterns of development are save from flooding. Welcomes statements that the nature conservation interests of the River Avon SPA will be protected and this will include carrying out of appropriate assessments.	Noted.	Noted.

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		Observation.	Suggest that reference should be made to the Strategy for the New Forest. This has been adopted as the interim National Park Management Plan. Which should be considered in preparing the merging LDDs and SA Framework.	This scoping report is to inform the more strategic LDDs within the LDF it is therefore not felt necessary to include the Strategy. If a specific proposal related to the outlying areas under the LPA's control the strategy would of course be included.	None required.
			Although knowing the % of a district designated as SSSI is useful, it would also be useful to have information regarding the condition of SSSIs.	Agree. On page 25, table 3, point under 'Natural environment /Design and conservation, reference will also be made to the baseline indicator '% of SSSI land in 'favourable condition'.	Amend report as detailed in response to response 20.
			The monitoring of the AQMAs should provide important baseline information and be a useful indicator	This information is provided in appendix 3.	None required.
			The introduction to the draft Scoping report states that one of SDCs goals is the provision of clean, safe and green public spaces where people are able to lead healthy lives and enjoy the environment around them. However, this goal does not appear to be carried into the baseline review of the indicators. Indicators of the quality of green spaces include the Green Flag awards and data from CABESPACE.	These are aspirations. Although the goal specifically is not identified it is felt that the objectives identified together with the changes suggested by other objectors regarding accessible natural greenspace should ensure that this issue is addressed.	None required.
31	Persimmon Homes (South Coast) Ltd	Observation	In table 1 under local context the relevant strategies should include: Emerging Housing Market Assessment Salisbury District Urban Potential Study Review of Phase 2 Allocation Paper	Disagree. It is not felt necessary to include these documents. The Emerging Housing Market Assessment and an Urban Potential Study doe not exist. The Review of Phase 2 Allocations paper is intended to provide information in order to verify the release of the phase 2 housing sites within the current local plan, it is therefore not relevant.	None required.
		Observation	Observations on the key messages at table 2 namely 'to provide housing (including affordable	Agreed.	Amend report as detailed under

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			housing) in rural areas where there is an identified need' and to 'accommodate housing principally within existing urban areas' should not be related solely to PPG13 and PPS7. This should also highlight evidence such as PPS3 and the emerging RSS.		response to 25, 26, 27.
		Observation	Table 3 – would question that the answer to the issue 'in order to provide everyone with tie opportunity of a decent home' is the construction of 'smaller more affordable units in the district'. Family accommodation is in demand, this will not be provided through smaller units. The release of Greenfield sites will assist in alleviating this problem through the provision of affordable housing and family housing. Smaller sites coming forward through urban potential sites will not provide for family needs. Need for housing mix and smaller units seem to conflict with each other.	Disagree. As indicated in the baseline review, Salisbury district has a much larger proportion of larger dwellings (with 8 or more rooms) that the national average. The proportion of larger units in itself add to the issue of unaffordability within the district. Therefore smaller units need to be provided that are in themselves more affordable. Reviewing the baseline data and the plans, programmes and strategies, provides the evidence to ensure what is needed is provided. Although this is a conflict, this will highlight the issue and a balance will need to be struck in specific development proposals, and this definitely highlights the lack of need for large dwellings for example 5 bed units.	None required.
		Support	Support sustainability issues 1, 2, 4 and 13.	Noted.	Noted
		Support	Welcome emphasis in action stage A4 that eh SA analysis is designed to provide a balance between objectives and sustainable development. Welcome recognition on p28 that where tensions may occur between objectives these in many cases could be mitigated with appropriate measures.	Noted.	Noted.
		Support Observation	Support objective 1 and 2. Objective 9 – by using the word maximising in objective 9 it fails to recognise that this could lead to greater environmental impacts than may be	Noted. Agreed.	Noted. Amend objective 9 to read 'To use land efficiently, where appropriate
			incurred through the development of Greenfield		maximise the use of brownfield

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			sites.		land' As detailed under our response to rep number 18 (English Nature).
		Observation	An additional objective could be included recognising that in some settlements there is limited infill potential, and that in these cases, in order to meet other objectives and RSS requirements, a positive approach to Greenfield release will be promoted ie include an objectives such as 'Developing urban extensions using the amount of green field land necessary to provide for the requirements as specified in the RSS.	Disagree. An objective recognising infill potential would not be a sustainability objective but more content that should to into a DPD. An objective promoting building on a Greenfield site would be contrary to government guidance or maximising use of brownfield land where possible.	None required.
		Observation	Objective 11 – Could conflict with other objectives of the SA, in particular, where a DPD is allocating sites to meet the emerging RSS requirements Careful consideration will need to be given to the priorities of the district, for example should local landscape designations (non statutory)_ outweigh the need to provide for development that will implement other objectives. Support objectives 17 and 20.	Our compatibility matrix confirms that there may be conflicts between objectives. The importance held to each objective will depend on the issue being assessed.	None required.
32	ODPM	Support Observation	On 20 October 2005, the European Court of Justice ruled that the UK had failed to transpose the provision of Article 6 (3) and (4) of the Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora (Habitats Directive) into UK Law in case C-06-/04 (Commission v United Kingdom) The Court Found that, as a result of the failure to make land-use plans subject to Appropriate Assessment (AA) of their implications for European Sites, Article 6 (3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive has not been transposed completely. It will be best practice for the AA to be undertaken during the preparation of the land-use plan. For LDDs similarly, best practice will be to scope out whether an AA is required at the Sustainability	Agreed.	The draft SA scoping report will be amended as detailed in our response to rep 18 to ensure Appropriate Assessment is undertaken.

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			Appraisal Scoping Stage and to undertake the AA alongside the development of options prior to the formal consultation which occurs at the Regulation 26 stage for DPD's and Regulation 17 for SPD's		
33	Salisbury Transport 2000		Objective 7 – Would like to see 'reduce the need to travel'. While it might be implied by objective 6 it is important that this goal is spelt out, this is seen as a more sustainable approach to solving transport / traffic problems.	It is not felt necessary to amend objective 7, as it does already imply a reduced need to travel and providing sustainable transport solutions.	None required.
			We note that SEA requires information about current and future environmental impacts. May we suggest an ecological footprint for the district be calculated as this could be used as baseline data against future performances.	There are currently no plans to undertaken an ecological footprint of the district.	None required.
			Under Design and Conservation a key message on page 23 includes to 'ensure the A303 Stonehenge tunnel and the visitor centre goes ahead'. Reference to these specific measure s is completely out of place in an overarching document of this nature. While we have not problem with the first sentence the second sentence should be removed.	The provision of an A303 Stonehenge tunnel and the visitor centre are key objectives of the Stonehenge Management Plan, which has been adopted by the Council.	None required.
			The key message in table 2 that more space be given to pedestrians, cyclists and public transport does not just apply to town centres. In many cases connections between villages are highly dangerous,	It is felt that objective 7 already addresses this issue. This objective falls out of the aims of PPG13.	None required.
			Improving health and healthier lifestyles in table 2 should also encompass healthy travel choices, such as walking and cycling to school or work.	Again this is felt that objective 7 and 4 addresses this issue.	None required.
			Dispute the statement that 'Need to maintain good levels of car ownership and the distance commuted to work is high' It does not make sense as it stands.	Agreed.	Amend in line with changes detailed under our response to our response to rep 12 (Salisbury Friends of the Earth).
			We note that % of households with car or van is	This indicator can show whether	None required.

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			being used as an indicator. This is not an appropriate measure of sustainable development, where the aim is to reduce reliance on the private car.	ownership and probably corresponding use has increased or decreased and can therefore indicate sustainable development.	
			Average distance commuted to work should be minimised – we hope this is the aim of this particular indicator.	In a rural district it may be difficult to reduce the distance travelled to work. Instead objective 7 aims to create sustainable solutions.	None required.
			Reducing CO2 emissions (number 4 within natural environment in table 3), should also make reference to minimising the needs to travel and improving transport choices to achieve this goal.	Objective 15 should ensure reduction in greenhouse and CO2 missions.	None required.
33	Planning and Economic Developmen t Scrutiny Panel		Important to make clarification between public transport and affordable accessible transport. More emphasis should be given to the latter.	Agreed.	Amend objective 7 to read 'To improve transport choice, including sustainable transport solutions, provide affordable and accessible transport in'
			It would be helpful if the report included reference to the new rules and regulations that have been introduced regarding public footpaths.	Agreed. This legislation comes from the CRoW Act. The aims and objectives of which are to be incorporated into Appendix 2 as detailed in our response to rep 20 (Wiltshire Wildlife Trust). This additional creates the need for a new objective.	Incorporate a new objective 'Improve accessible to the countryside and accessible natural greenspace'.
			The needs of young people are very important to the Council and the Sustainability. Appraisal should make more reference to this and possibly include this issue as one of the main sustainability objectives	Agreed. However, the young should not be identified individually as there are many other groups need to also not be forgotten. Objective 8 will therefore be amended to ensure this.;	Amend Objective 8: 'Te ensure a fully inclusive environment, including addressing the needs the young and old, those will disabilities and diverse groups.
			Objective 14 referred to maintenance of the Districts water, but it would be helpful to have more emphasis placed on water catchment areas and abstraction of water from the districts rivers.	Agreed.	Reference to catchment areas and abstraction have been added as detailed under our response to rep 21 (Environment Agency). Objective 14 has furthermore been

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					amended as detailed under this same response, to ensure that water quantity is maintained and improved.