

12 Consultation and Next Steps

- 12.1 In order to meet the requirements of the SEA Regulations, the views of the three statutory consultees (Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England) have been sought in relation to the scope and level of detail to be included in the SA Report. A summary of responses and how they have been addressed within the report is included in **Appendix 2**.
- 12.2 This SA Scoping Report will be published for consultation alongside the Issues and Options document.
- 12.3 As outlined in the introduction, the consultees are in particular requested to consider:
- Whether the scope of the SA is appropriate as set out considering the role of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan to help meet and manage the needs of the plan area.
 - Whether there are any additional plans, policies or programmes that are relevant to the SA that should be included.
 - Whether the baseline information provided is robust and comprehensive, and provides a suitable baseline for the SA of the Local Plan.
 - Whether there are any additional key sustainability issues relevant to the Local Plan that should be included.
 - Whether the SA Framework (**Chapter 11**) is appropriate and includes a suitable set of SA objectives and is supported by suitable site-based assumptions (**Appendix 1**) for assessing the effects of the options included within the Greater Cambridge Local Plan as well as reasonable alternatives.
- 12.4 Responses from consultees will be reviewed and appropriate amendments made to the detail contained in the Scoping Report, including the baseline, policy context and SA Framework where necessary. Any updates to this detail will be presented at the next stage of the Local Plan preparation process.
- 12.5 As the Local Plan is drafted, it will be subject to SA using the SA Framework presented in **Chapter 11**. A full SA report (incorporating the later stages of the SA process) will then be produced and made available to other stakeholders and the general public for wider consultation alongside the emerging Local Plan.

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