Soundness Self assessment

Key question	Possible evidence	Evidence provided
Justified		
Participation		
1. Has the consultation process allowed for effective engagement of all interested parties?	The consultation statement	See Consultation Statement prepared under Regulation 30 (1)(d), (e) and (f) for information on public engagement undertaken throughout the preparation of the Core Strategy.
Research/ fact finding		

2. Is the content of the development plan document justified by the evidence?
3. What is the source of the evidence?
4. How up to date and convincing is it?
	i. Sections of the development plan document which show how the evidence points towards the selected strategy, policies or proposals
	ii. Sections of the pre-submission proposals documents
	iii. Sections of the preferred strategy report
	iv. Sections of the sustainability appraisal report which set out its main conclusions in relation to the policies in the development plan document
	v. Sections of the consultation statement
	OR
	A very brief statement of how the main findings of consultation support the policies, with reference to:
	   o reports to the council on the issues raised during participation, covering both the front-loading and formulation phases
	   o any other information on community views and preferences
	vi. The studies, reports and technical papers that provide the evidence for the policies set out in the development plan document. The date of preparation and who they were produced by should be signposted
	OR
	For each policy (or group of policies dealing with the same issue), a very brief statement of the evidence documents relied upon and how they support the
		i. Detailed throughout the Core Strategy
		ii. The evidence base which has underpinned the development of the document can be found on page 21-25 of the Submission Core Strategy.
		iii. The evidence base underpinning the development of the Core Strategy Preferred Options can be found on page 6-12 of the document.
		iv. The sections 'Summary of SA of Preferred Options/Submission Policies' (page 25, paragraph 5.9-page 44, paragraph 5.119) and 'Summary of SA of New Policies for Submission Document' (page 45, paragraph 5.120-page 45, paragraph 5.122) in the Submission Core Strategy Sustainability Appraisal provide information on the summary of findings and recommendations for the Submission Core Strategy.
		v. See Consultation statement
		vi. See evidence base and other strategies listed on pages 22-25 of Core Strategy.

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	policy (where this is not already clear in the reasoned justification in the development plan document)	
5. What assumptions had to be made in preparing the development plan document? 6. Are the assumptions reasonable and justified?	i. Sections of the development plan documents setting out the assumptions ii. Sections of the sustainability appraisal report setting out the assumptions iii. A very brief statement for each assumption as to how the evidence led to the assumption iv. Reference to national or regional policy, correspondence from bodies consulted or technical papers that provide the basis for assumptions	Embedded within evidence base documents, the Sustainability Appraisal and the Core Strategy document.
Alternatives		
7. Can it be shown that the council's chosen approach is the most appropriate given the reasonable alternatives? 8. Have realistic alternatives been considered and is there a clear audit trail showing how and why the preferred strategy/approach was arrived at? 9. Where a balance had to be struck in taking decisions between competing alternatives is it clear how and why these decisions were made?	i. Sections of the consultation statement showing how the community was involved in considering issues, alternatives and options ii. Documents used in community involvement with stakeholders and communities encouraging them to identify the issues and options they wished to see considered iii. Any report produced at the end of the front loading phase of plan preparation setting out the issues and options raised iv. Sections of the preferred strategy report explaining: • how alternatives were developed and evaluated, and • why alternatives were rejected in favour of the preferred strategy v. Sections of the sustainability appraisal report showing the options and alternatives and explaining how they were objectively assessed vi. Reports prepared during the plan preparation process (including after the preferred strategy participation) contributing to the decisions made on the inclusion of policies in the development plan document vii. Sections of the consultation statement explaining	i. See Consultation Statement ii. Core Strategy Issues and Options, Preferred Options and Revised Preferred Options documents. iii. See Consultation Statement – summary of responses to Issues and Options, Preferred Options, Revised Preferred Options and the Council's response to issues raised during the Core Strategy Pre-Submission consultations stage. Includes summary of issues raised through formal response (e.g. online) and through community engagement (e.g. school workshops). iv. The preferred options in the Core Strategy Preferred Options were accompanied by alternative options, where appropriate. For example 'H2 General Locations and Phasing – Preferred Option' (page 28) was accompanied by numerous alternative proposed general locations for development, outlining in general terms why each option was not considered to be an appropriate, sustainable location (page 29-30). v. Throughout the preparation of the Core

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	how the main findings of consultation support the decisions viii. Sections of the representations statement OR A brief statement of the influence upon decisions of: the issues raised during stakeholder and community engagement, and how they have been addressed ix. Any other documentation showing how alternatives were developed and evaluated x. A very brief statement and any other supporting documentation of the way decisions have been taken	Strategy the Sustainability Appraisals have assessed options vi. See Consultation Statement, Sustainability Appraisal and Core Strategy document vii. See Consultation Statement
10. Does the sustainability appraisal show how the different options perform and is it clear that sustainability considerations informed the content of the development plan document from the start?	i. A structure to the development plan document which reports the sustainability appraisal findings in relation to each policy ii. Sections of the sustainability appraisal report which set out how sustainability appraisal has influenced the development of the preferred strategy and how policies have been revised in the light of sustainability appraisal findings iii. Reports made as part of plan-making which indicate how sustainability appraisal has influenced the choice of strategy and the content of policies	i. See Sustainability Appraisal ii. The key recommendations from the Preferred Options Sustainability Appraisal and how the Submission Core Strategy has incorporated these can be found in Section 7 of the Submission Core Strategy Sustainability Appraisal 'How the plan has incorporated SA recommendations' (page 57-60). 'Appendix VIII: Core Strategy Policy Progression' of the Submission Core Strategy Sustainability Appraisal provides further detail on how the Preferred Options were revised to reflect the recommendations of the SA. iii. See Consultation Statement and Core Strategy document
11. Does the development plan document adequately expand upon regional guidance rather than simply duplicate it? 12. Does the strategy take forward the regional context reflecting the local issues and objectives?	i. Sections of the development plan document which explain where and how regional guidance has been elaborated upon and the reasons ii. The regional development agency/regional planning body letter confirming that the development plan document is in general conformity with the regional special strategy iii. Representations received from the regional development agency/regional planning body iv. Representations from the Government Office	i. Section 4 – 12 of the Core Strategy each address a different theme and expand upon relevant policies in the East of England Plan with locally specific policies. Particular elements of the East of England Plan addressed include housing allocation, the Gypsy and Traveller site provision, employment numbers, and the approach to London Southend Airport. ii. See letter of conformity from EERA which

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	v. Reports or copies of correspondence as to how the representations have been considered and dealt with	states that the Submission Core Strategy is in general conformity with the East of England Plan. iii. See representations from EERA/EEDA iv. See representations from GO-East v. See Consultation Statement

Effective		
Deliverable		
13. Has the council clearly identified what the issues are that the development plan document is seeking to address? 14. Have priorities been set so that it is clear what the development plan document is seeking to achieve?	i. Sections of the development plan document which refer to the vision and objectives of the sustainable community strategy and the issues identified there ii. A statement prepared following stakeholder and community engagement in the front-loading phase of plan-making setting out the identified issues for the development plan document A spatial portrait based on the advice in 'Policies for spatial plans' presented as part of the core strategy iii. A core strategy vision which is framed to set out the outcomes which are sought for the future iv. Sections of the development plan document which identify the main issues addressed v. Sections of the development plan document which indicate the priority outcomes	i. The Core Strategy's relationship to the Sustainable Community Strategy and how the Submission Core Strategy can aid its delivery can be found on pages 9-16. ii. See Consultation Statement. The spatial portrait of the District identifying potential issues and opportunities is set out in the Spatial Characteristics, Issues and Opportunities chapter. iii. The overarching vision of the Core Strategy is set out on page 37 of the document. Specific visions and objectives relating to the key sections of the Core Strategy are identified at the beginning of each chapter of chapters 4 – 12. These provide a focus for what each core section of the document is seeking to achieve. iv. See the Spatial Characteristics, Issues and Opportunities chapter. v. See the beginning of each section of sections 4 – 12, which identify the vision and objectives for the core topic areas, divided into appropriate timeframes, and include the overarching objectives for these.
15. Are there any cross-boundary issues that should be	i. Sections of the regional spatial strategy which identify cross-boundary issues.	i. The East of England Plan makes reference to London Southend Airport (which is referred to

addressed and, if so, have they been adequately addressed?	ii. Sections of the development plan document setting out cross-boundary issues and the response to them iii. Reports on relevant studies which cover wider areas than the local authority and how the development plan document addresses their findings or recommendations iv. Records of meetings with adjoining authorities or relevant agencies which confirm that there are no cross-boundary issues of significance	in policy E7 and ETG4) which is a cross-boundary issue between Rochford District Council and Southend Borough Council. ii. London-Southend Airport is specifically addressed within the Economic Development section of the Core Strategy document. This issue is also addressed in the Transport section (see policy T2, T4). Other identified cross-boundary issues include SERT (page 106, policy T4), the cycle network (page 107-108, policy T8) and Greenways (page 108-109, policy T7). iii. Evidence base documents which explicitly address wider areas than the District include those produced at County level (e.g. Essex Landscape Character Assessment) and those produced in conjunction with other local authorities that comprise the Essex Thames Gateway South Essex sub-region (e.g. Thames Gateway South Essex Strategic Flood Risk Assessment; Essex Thames Gateway Water Cycle Study – Scoping Study; and Strategic Housing Market Assessment). Other evidence base document, such as the Retail and Leisure Study, acknowledge the District's relationship with surrounding areas. The Core Strategy sets out how issues raised in these have been addressed. iv. N/A
16. Does the development plan document contain clear objectives?	i. A spatial portrait which identifies the key issues facing the area ii. A core strategy vision which is framed to set out the outcomes which are sought for the future iii. The strategic objectives of the development plan document, and the commentary in the development plan document of how they derive from the spatial portrait and vision	i. The spatial portrait of the District is discussed within the Spatial Characteristics, Issues and Opportunities chapter. This identifies the characteristics of the District and potential issues and opportunities that these present. ii. The overarching vision of the Core Strategy is set out on page 37 of the document. Specific visions and objectives relating to the key sections of the Core Strategy are identified at the beginning of each chapter to provide a

		focus for what the document is seeking to achieve within the core topic areas. iii. The spatial portrait of the District is set out in Spatial Characteristics, Issues and Opportunities section. Sections 4 – 12 set out a vision and objectives relevant to each theme having regard to the spatial portrait of the District.
17. Are the objectives specific to the place; as opposed to being general and applicable to anywhere? 18. Is there a direct relationship between the identified issues and the objectives?	i. The spatial portrait and the commentary in the development plan document as to how the objectives derive from it ii. Confirmation from the local strategic partnership and partner organisations that they agree the objectives as being specific to the place	i. The spatial portrait of the District is set out in Spatial Characteristics, Issues and Opportunities section. Sections 4 – 12 set out a vision and objectives relevant to each theme having regard to the spatial portrait of the District. ii. The Core Strategy overarching vision is shared by the Local Strategic Partnership. The Core Strategy sets out how the spatial elements of the Sustainability Community Strategy (produced by the Local Strategic Partnership) will be delivered by the Core Strategy on pages 9 -16.
19. Is it clear how the policies will meet the objectives? 20. Are there any obvious gaps in the policies, with regard to the objectives of the development plan document?	i. Relevant sections of the development plan document which explain how policies derive from the objectives and are designed to meet them ii. Relevant sections of the sustainable community strategy which identify its objectives iii. Confirmation from the local strategic partnership and partner organisations that they believe the polices will achieve the agreed objectives iv. Research reports and studies which address the means to address objectives and conclude that the policies are appropriate and should succeed v. Sections of the development plan document, reports or other documents which discuss the matters which should be addressed in the development plan document.	i. The vision and objectives are identified at the beginning of each chapter for chapters 4 – 12 which specifically relate to the issues within the core topic areas. ii. The relationship between the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Core Strategy, and how the Submission Core Strategy can aid the delivery of the seven priorities identified, is detailed on pages 9-16. iii. No objection from Local Strategic Partnership iv. See Sustainability Appraisal and Implementation, Delivery and Monitoring section of the Core Strategy. v. See Spatial Characteristics, Issues and Opportunities section of the Core Strategy.
21. Are there realistic timescales related to the objectives?	i. Sections of the development plan document which address delivery and the timescales for key	i. The strategic visions from which the more specific objectives have been derived are

	developments and initiatives ii. Confirmation from the local strategic partnership and partner organisations that the timescales are realistic in terms of their contribution to delivery	divided into appropriate timescales (generally within the next 5 years, by 2017 and by 2025 as appropriate). The timescales for the visions have been determined having regard to the need to reflect Essex County Council's priorities and requirements of service providers, for example, the Primary Care Trust. The housing policies (specifically policy H2 and H3) set out the key milestones for development in the general locations identified and seek to phase extensions to the residential envelope. Housing delivery, however, will continue to be monitored through the Annual Monitoring Report to ensure there is a constant 5 year housing supply. Infrastructure requirements (identified in Appendix H1 and policy T2) need to be provided, as appropriate, alongside the housing timescales outlined in policy H2 and H3. The delivery and funding of infrastructure requirements is identified in Appendix CLT1. How the policies in the Submission Core Strategy will be delivered and implemented is set out in the Implementation, Delivery and Monitoring chapter. ii. As a key stakeholder, the Local Strategic Partnership has been involved throughout the development of the Core Strategy. The Sustainable Community Strategy, which has been prepared by the Local Strategic Partnership, and the Local Area Agreement are closely linked to the Core Strategy. The Submission Core Strategy has also been adapted to reflect the South East Essex Primary Care Trust's strategic plan for the next 5 years (Delivering together: Better health, better care, better value - A Strategic Plan for NHS South East Essex 2009-2014) which has emerged during the preparation of the document.

22. Are the policies internally consistent?	i. Sections of the development plan document, documents used in community involvement, and technical papers which demonstrate that the objectives are consistent ii. A very brief statement explaining how the council considers its objectives are consistent	i. N/A ii. The Delivery, Implementation and Monitoring Section notes the actions required to deliver the objectives set out in the Core Strategy and no conflicts were identified.
23. Does the development plan document contain material which: • is already in another plan • should be logically be in a different plan • should not be in a plan at all?	i. Information in the local development scheme, or provided separately, about the scope and content (actual and intended) of each development plan document. This should show how they combine to provide a coherent policy structure ii. Representations from the Government Office iii. Reports or copies of correspondence as to how the representations have been considered and dealt with	i. The content and chain of conformity for the documents which will comprise the Council's Local Development Framework are identified within the Local Development Scheme. ii. See representations from GO-East iii. See consultation statement.
24. Does the development plan document explain how its key policy objectives will be achieved?	i. Sections of the development plan document that identify the key objectives and how they will be delivered ii. Confirmation from the relevant agencies that they support the objectives and the identified means of delivery iii. Other supporting material – for example, commitments in the local area agreement that will support the delivery of the strategy in the development plan document	i. The specific visions and objectives are identified at the beginning of each chapter which provides a focus for what each chapter and associated policies seek to achieve. The delivery of these visions and objectives are embedded within the policies, and thus how they will be delivered is identified in the 'Implementation, Delivery and Monitoring' chapter. ii. See Consultation Statement, particularly comments from Essex County Council iii. Further information on infrastructure costs is presented in Core Strategy Topic Paper 2.
25. If there are development management policies, are they supportive of the strategy and objectives?	i. Sections of the development plan document that show how the development management policies: • will help to deliver the strategy • derive from, and elaborate on, the objectives and policies of the plan	N/A
26. Have the infrastructure implications of the strategy/policies clearly been identified?	i. A section or sections of the development plan document where infrastructure needs are identified and the proposed solutions put forward ii. Representations in respect of infrastructure iii. Reports or copies of correspondence as to how	i. Appendix H1 of the Core Strategy identifies the infrastructure required to accompany proposed future development in the general locations. These requirements have been identified through consultation with key stakeholders such as Essex County Council

	representations in relation to infrastructure have been considered and dealt with	and the Primary Care Trust, and having regard to the evidence base. The delivery mechanisms for the identified infrastructure are outlined in Appendix CLT1, which identifies how they will be funded. The infrastructure requirements will need to be delivered alongside the proposed housing development, and would thus be subject to the timescales identified in policy H2 and H3 and their corresponding visions, as appropriate. Specific highway improvements are identified in policy T2. ii. See Consultation Statement iii. Core Strategy Topic Paper 2 provides further information on infrastructure costs in response to comments submitted as part of consultation.
27. Are the delivery mechanisms and timescales for implementation of the policies clearly identified?	i. Sections of the development plan document setting out delivery mechanisms and timescale ii. Other development plan documents being prepared that develop the policies of the core strategy further and set out how they will be delivered iii. Research or studies that address matters of delivery and the realistic timescales iv. Documents that set out arrangements made or planned for local delivery vehicles, or other delivery mechanisms v. Very brief statements on how other stakeholders intend to support the delivery of the policies, with any supporting correspondence or reports by the authority or the relevant stakeholder vi. Correspondence from stakeholders on delivery mechanisms and timescale vii. Reports or copies of correspondence as to how representations on delivery and implementation have been considered and dealt with	i. See Implementation, Delivery and Monitoring chapter ii. Other DPDs Include: Allocations DPD; Development Management DPD; London Southend Airport and Environs Joint Area Action Plan; and Area Action Plans for Hockley, Rochford and Rayleigh centres. iii. Timescales have been developed in conjunction with service providers. iv. See Implementation, Delivery and Monitoring chapter v. See consultation response from service providers vi. See Consultation Statement vii. Core Strategy Topic Paper 2 provides further information on infrastructure costs in response to comments submitted as part of consultation
28. Is it clear who is going to deliver the required infrastructure and does the	i. Confirmation from infrastructure providers that they support the solutions proposed and the identified means and timescales for their delivery	i. See Consultation Statement ii. See Consultation Statement iii. See Consultation Statement

timing of the provision complement the timescale of the strategy/policies?	ii. Representations in respect of infrastructure iii. Reports or copies of correspondence on how representations in relation to infrastructure and its timing have been considered and dealt with	
29. Is it clear who is intended to implement each part of the strategy/ development plan document? 30. Where actions required to implement policy are outside the direct control of the council, is there evidence of commitment from the relevant organisation to implement the policies?	i. Sections of the development plan document setting out responsibilities for delivery ii. Correspondence showing how other stakeholders intend to support the delivery of the policies iii. Reports by the council or the relevant stakeholder iv. Representations from stakeholders on implementation v. Reports or copies of correspondence as to how representations on delivery and implementation have been considered and dealt with	i. The Implementation, Delivery and Monitoring chapter identifies how policies in the Core Strategy will be delivered, potential risks, how these have been addressed and will be overcome, and how their delivery will be monitored. The Implementation, Delivery and Monitoring section also details responsibilites for the delivery of infrastructure. ii. See Consultation Statement, and comments submitted by Essex County Council in particular. iii. See Core Strategy Topic Paper 2 iv. See Consultation Statement v. See Consultation Statement
31. Does the development plan document reflect the concept of spatial planning? 32. Does it go beyond traditional land use planning by bringing together – and integrating – policies for development, and the use of land, with other policies and programmes from a variety of organisations that influence the nature of places and how they function?	i. Sections of the development plan document that reflect the plans or strategies of other bodies ii. Expressions of support from bodies responsible for other strategies affecting the area iii. Representations in respect of services provided by other agencies iv. Reports or copies of correspondence as to how the representations have been considered and dealt with. These should either clarify the issues raised in the representation, or include a copy of the substance of the representation	i. The Core Strategy supports: • the delivery of the Economic Development Strategy as set out in the 'Economic Development' chapter (e.g. Policy ED1); • the Housing Strategy through encouraging consultation with the Council's Housing Strategy Team in the 'Housing' chapter (e.g. Policy H4 and H5); • the Thames Gateway South Essex Greengrid Strategy in the 'Transport' chapter (e.g. Policy T7); • Essex County Council in the implementation of the Building Schools for the Future programme (paragraph 9.13); • Essex County Council and partners in the implementation of the South Essex Rapid Transit system (e.g. policy T4) and Sustrans (e.g. policy T6); • working with Essex County Council for the development of the Local Transport Plan; • working with the Environment Agency and other local authorities in the preparation of

		the Shoreline Management Plan (paragraph 8.21); and • the Wallasea Island Wild Coast Project implemented by the RSPB (e.g. policy URV2). ii. See Consultation Statement iii. See Consultation Statement iv. See Consultation Statement
33. Does the development plan document take into account matters which may be imposed by circumstance, notwithstanding the council's views about the matter?	i. Explicit recognition within the development plan document that this may happen, and clear information about how the plan strategy can accommodate them ii. Consideration of the options in relation to such matters as part of the evaluation of alternatives in a report on the preferred strategy	i. The Implementation, Delivery and Monitoring chapter identifies potential risks which may impact on the delivery and implementation of the Submission Core Strategy policies, and identifies how these will be mitigated. ii. See Consultation Statement
Flexible		
34. Is the development plan document flexible enough to respond to a variety of, or unexpected changes in, circumstances?	i. Sections of the development plan document setting out the assumptions of the plan and identifying the circumstances when policies might need to be reviewed ii. Sections of the annual monitoring report and sustainability appraisal report describing how the council will monitor: • the effectiveness of policies and what evidence is being collected to undertake this • changes affecting the baseline information and any information on trends on which the development plan document is based iii. Statements or correspondence from stakeholders which commit to providing information to be used in monitoring the progress of the policies and changes in the baseline iv. Risk analysis of the strategy and policies to demonstrate robustness and how the plan could cope with changing circumstances	i. The Implementation, Delivery and Monitoring chapter identifies when the policies may need to be reviewed, as appropriate. ii. See Implementation, Delivery and Monitoring chapter, section iii. The Council has a service level agreement with Essex County Council for the Council to provide data on various planning issues. The scope of issues covered may be revised on adoption of the Core Strategy. iv. The Implementation, Delivery and Monitoring chapter identifies potential risks which may be encountered, how these have been or are being mitigated against, and when the policies may need to be reviewed, as appropriate.
35. Is the development plan document sufficiently flexible to deal with any changes to,	i. Sections within the development plan document dealing with possible change areas and how they would be dealt with, including mechanisms for the	i. The Housing chapter identifies the general locations and quantum of housing proposed up to 2021, and up to 2025 respectively.

for example, housing figures from an emerging regional special strategy?	rate of development to be increased or slowed and how that would impact on other aspects of the strategy and on infrastructure provision ii. Risk analysis of the strategy and policies to demonstrate robustness and how the plan could cope with changing circumstances	They recognise that a flexible approach to the delivery of housing will need to be taken in order to ensure a constant 5 year supply of housing. Policy H3 recognises that some sites may need to be brought forward in order to ensure the timely delivery of housing and that infrastructure must be delivered in conjunction with it. The Implementation, Delivery and Monitoring chapter (page 133 and 134) identifies how potential delivery issues have been mitigated against. The supply of land for housing will be monitored through the Annual Monitoring Report to ensure flexibility and the minimal amount of Green Belt necessary is reallocated. ii. The Implementation, Delivery and Monitoring chapter identifies potential risks which may be encountered for all the Core Strategy policies, how these will be mitigated against, and when the policies may need to be reviewed, as appropriate.
36. Does the development plan document include the remedial actions that will be taken if the strategies/policies are failing?	i. A section of the development plan document which expressly addresses flexibility ii. Sections of the development plan document identifying the key indicators of success of the strategy, and the remedial actions which will be taken if they are failing	i. As a strategic document, the majority of policies within the core Strategy contain a degree of flexibility. Examples include the phasing of development to allow for changes in the housing supply chain, and a flexible approach to affordable housing to account for changing economic conditions. The Implementation, Delivery and Monitoring chapter identifies, for each policy, the potential risks involved and how these will be mitigated. ii. See Implementation, Delivery and Monitoring chapter of the Core Strategy.
Monitoring		
37. Does the development plan document contain targets and milestones that relate to the delivery of the policies, including housing trajectories	i. Sections of the development plan document setting out indicators, targets and milestones ii. Sections of the current annual monitoring report which report on indicators, targets, milestones and trajectories	i. See the introductions to Sections 4 – 12, in addition to the Implementation, Delivery and Monitoring chapter. ii. The AMR currently includes numerous targets and indicators, in addition to a

where the plan contains housing allocations?	iii. Reference to any other reports or technical documents which contain information on the delivery of policies	housing trajectory. The format will need to be amended, with additional indicators added, to cover indicators and objectives proposed in the Core Strategy iii. Core Strategy Topic Paper 2 provides further information.
38. Is it clear how these are to be measured and are these linked to the production of the annual monitoring report?	i. Sections of the development plan document setting out indicators, targets and milestones ii. Sections of the current annual monitoring report and the sustainability appraisal report setting out the framework for monitoring, including monitoring the effects of the development plan document against the sustainability appraisal iii. Reference to any other reports or technical documents which contain information on the collection or measurement of indicators	i. See the Implementation, Delivery and Monitoring chapter of the Core Strategy. ii. See section 8 of the Sustainability Appraisal. Future AMRs will be updated to reflect an adopted Core Strategy. iii. See Implementation Delivery and Monitoring chapter. In addition, the Council has a service level agreement with Essex County Council for the County to provide data on a range of sustainability issues, presented annually to the District in the form of a Strategic Environmental Assessment Baseline Information Profile.
39. Are suitable targets and indicators present (by when, how and by whom)?	i. Sections of the development plan document setting out indicators, targets and milestones ii. Sections of the current annual monitoring report that report on indicators, targets, milestones and trajectories	i. See objectives and vision at beginning of sections 4 – 12, and Implementation Delivery and Monitoring Chapter. ii. AMR currently includes numerous targets and indicators, in addition to a housing trajectory. The format will need to be amended, with additional indicators added, to cover indicators and objectives proposed in the Core Strategy.

National policy		
40. Does the development plan document contain any policies or proposals that are not consistent with national planning policy? 41. If yes, is there a local justification?	i. Sections of the development plan document which refer to planning policy statements and justify why any policies are not consistent with national policy ii. Sustainable community strategy, studies forming evidence for the development plan document or other information which provide the stimulus for departing from national planning policy iii. Evidence provided from the sustainability appraisal	i. The Core Strategy does not conform to government guidance in terms of the proportion of proposed development to take place on brownfield land (policy H1, H2 and H3). Paragraph 4.15 explains that the Council, having regard to the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, concludes that 60% brownfield land development is no longer deliverable within

	(including reference to the sustainability report) and/or from the results of community involvement iv. Representations from the Government Office on the preferred strategy or the submitted development plan document *v.* Reports or copies of correspondence as to how Government Office representations have been considered and dealt with	the District. Policy GB1, however, seeks to protect the Green Belt and only allocate the minimum amount of Green Belt necessary to meet the District's housing allocation, based on how well the land contributes to the objectives of the Green Belt. The Annual Monitoring Report will monitor the supply of housing as identified in the Implementation, Delivery and Monitoring chapter. ii. The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment provides evidence for this departure from national policy. Also concerns which have been raised throughout the preparation of the Core Strategy (see page 3-6 of the Core Strategy Preferred Options 2008) that further intensification within the existing residential area is undesirable have been taken into consideration. The Council has therefore sought to balance the efficient use of land within the existing residential area with the potential detrimental impact of 'town cramming'. iii. As noted in the Submission Core Strategy Sustainability Appraisal, since the Preferred Options version, the plan has sought to increase the quantum of housing on brownfield land to improve the efficient use of land, which has reduced the quantum of housing proposed on Green Belt land (paragraph 5.13). The potential sustainability conflicts of this approach are addressed in Appendix VI (see Land and Soils and summary of H1, H2 and H3) iv. See representations from GO-East – with reference to paragraph 4.15 they state "Local rates of new development on PDL will diverge from the national target according to circumstances in each authority. Some sites are not necessarily suitable for housing." v. See Consultation Statement
42. Does the development plan	i. Sections of the development plan document which	i. Sections 4 – 12 include references to national

document contain policies that do not add anything to existing national guidance? 43. If so, why have they been included?	explain where and how national policy has been elaborated upon and the reasons ii. Representations from the Government Office iii. Reports or copies of correspondence as to how the representations have been considered and dealt with	policy where relevant and how the themes addressed in these sections expand upon national policies. ii. See Consultation Statement. iii. See Consultation Statement.