

## **Appendix 1 – Statement on Compliance with the SEA Directive and Regulations**

- A1.1 An outline of the contents, main objectives of the plan and relationship with other relevant plans:

Section 1 of this Environmental Report sets out the contents and main objectives of the Allocations DPD, and in particular the Discussion and Consultation Document. The relationship with other relevant plans is summarised in Section 4 of this Environmental Report and Appendix IV of the Core Strategy Submission SA Report.

- A1.2 The relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without implementation of the plan:

Section 3 of the Core Strategy Submission SA Report summarises the relevant baseline conditions for sustainability (including the state of relevant environmental aspects) in the District. Appendix III to the Core Strategy Submission SA Report (prepared by Essex County Council) sets out this information in more detail. The likely evolution of current conditions ('trends') is detailed in Appendix III where available.

- A1.3 The environmental characteristics of areas likely to be significantly affected:

Where relevant and available, information regarding particular areas has been included in Appendix III of the Core Strategy Submission SA Report.

- A1.4 Any existing environmental problems which are relevant to the plan including, in particular, those relating to any areas of a particular environmental importance:

Section 3 of the Core Strategy Submission SA Report summarises existing sustainability problems (including environmental problems) for the Rochford District Council area.

- A1.5 The environmental protection objectives relevant to the plan and the way those objectives and any environmental considerations have been taken into account during its preparation:

Appendix IV of the Core Strategy Submission SA Report provides the summary of objectives for sustainability in the Rochford area (including environmental objectives), and the implications of these objectives for the LDF.

This Environmental Report has identified where international, national, regional and local policies have changed since the preparation of the Core Strategy Submission SA Report.

- A1.6 The likely significant effects on the environment including on issues such as biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climatic factors, material assets, cultural heritage including architectural and archaeological heritage, landscape and the interrelationship between the above factors. These effects should include secondary, cumulative, synergistic, short, medium and long-term permanent and temporary, positive and negative effects:

The SA Framework of objectives presented in Section 4 of this Environmental Report shows which of the issues listed by the SEA Regulations are progressed by which SA Objectives have been identified (Table 5). This assures that all of the issues are considered during the assessment of each part of the Allocations DPD, since each option is assessed against each SA Objective.

The likely sustainability effects of the different options presented within the Allocations DPD: Discussion and Consultation Document (including environmental effects) is summarised in Section 6 of this Environmental Report. Where possible, an indication of whether effects are likely to be cumulative, short, medium and long-term etc. has been included.

- A1.7 The measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan:

Where significant adverse effects, including environmental effects, have been predicted for each of the options within the Discussion and Consultation Document, the SA has sought where possible to identify means of offsetting these effects. These are detailed in Appendices 3-11 and summarised in section 6 of this Environmental Report.

- A1.8 An outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with, and a description of how the assessment was undertaken including any difficulties encountered in compiling the required information:

The reasons for selecting the alternative options set out in the Discussion and Consultation Document is detailed within 'Task B2' of this Report. Details of how the assessment was undertaken are provided in Sections 2-5 of this Environmental Report (the full appraisal methodology), and difficulties encountered in compiling information are summarised in 'Task B3' of this Report.

- A1.9 A description of the measures envisaged concerning monitoring:

Measures envisaged concerning the monitoring of the sustainability effects (including environmental effects) of implementing the Allocations DPD are provided in Section 8 of this Environmental Report.

- A1.10 A non-technical summary of the information provided under the above headings:

A non-technical summary has been prepared addressing the above headings, where appropriate. This non-technical summary should be read in conjunction with the Core Strategy Submission SA non-technical summary.