

# Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan

## Interim Sustainability Appraisal

November 2012

## **Executive Summary**

### **Introduction**

This is an interim Sustainability Appraisal (SA) report of the draft Tattenhall Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Sustainability Appraisal ensures that the proposals presented in the Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan contribute towards the achievement of sustainable development. It requires an assessment of the Plan's environmental, social and economic effects, incorporating the legal requirements of the EU Strategic Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (The SEA Directive). It supports the plan making process and the testing of proposals for future development in Tattenhall.

### **Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan**

Prior to the Localism Act receiving royal ascent in December 2012, the Government welcomed applications from communities to become 'Neighbourhood Planning Front Runners' to trial the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans. Tattenhall and District Parish Council were successful with their application to this process and were awarded Front Runner status as a Second Wave Neighbourhood Planning Pilot in March 2011.

Once adopted the Neighbourhood Plan will set out where future development should take place in Tattenhall, the type and quality of that development and ensure that it meets local objectives and needs.

### **Sustainability Appraisal Work to Date**

Work on the SA of the emerging Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan began in May 2012 with the preparation of Draft Screening Determination on the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). This concluded that the Neighbourhood Plan is likely to have a significant environmental effect and an SEA is required.

In August 2012 the Council consulted the statutory SEA consultees on a draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group. To expedite the SA process the SEA Screening Determination was consulted on at the same time.

The final Tattenhall SA Scoping Report sets out baseline information by topic and highlights sustainability issues and trends for the Tattenhall and District Parish area. An important element of the Scoping Report is the sustainability appraisal framework against which the proposals in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan will be assessed.

## **Appraisal Methodology**

The interim sustainability appraisal has focused on the planning elements of the draft Neighbourhood Plan, assessing the Plan's Objectives, Housing Strategy and Topic specific planning policies.

The preparation of the draft Neighbourhood Plan has been an iterative process, led by a clear idea and vision for the future of the village. This meant that alternative policy options were not generated as part of its development.

The likely sustainability effects tested through the appraisal have been informed by the baseline data and evidence gathered as part of the Tattenhall SA Scoping Report.

## **Results of the Assessment**

The appraisal of the Neighbourhood Plan's policies has been completed as a 'whole plan' assessment. The effects of the Plan's policies have been described and identified using a set of assessment measures highlighting whether the Plan as a whole will have a positive, negative or neutral impact on, or no relationship to the achievement of an objective. The appraisal against each objective is accompanied by a commentary highlighting the significance of effects and any mitigation measures where required.

The appraisal has revealed that the Neighbourhood Plan performs well and will help to deliver sustainable development in the Parish. It concludes and recommends that:

- The Plan could have very positive effects in respect of biodiversity and habitats, the historic environment, landscape character and housing needs.
- Further positive effects are likely in relation to climate change, renewable energy, water, land and resources, access to services and economic development.
- Positive effects could be enhanced by providing more detail and local emphasis to policies in future iterations of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Objectives and policies for sustainable design and climate change could be expanded.
- Local open space requirements or schemes could be added into proposals for enhancing local facilities and to address open space deficits.

## **Next Steps**

The findings of the interim sustainability appraisal will now inform the preparation of a revised draft Neighbourhood Plan prior to submission to Cheshire West and Chester Council. A further detailed sustainability appraisal of the revised draft Plan will be undertaken.

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## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 This report is an Interim Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the Tattenhall Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- 1.2 Sustainability Appraisal ensures that the proposals presented in the Plan contribute towards the achievement of sustainable development. This requires an assessment of the Plan's environmental, social and economic effects, incorporating the legal requirements of the EU Strategic Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (The SEA Directive). It supports the plan making process and the testing of proposals for future development in the Parish.

### **The Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan**

- 1.3 Prior to the Localism Act receiving royal ascent in December 2012, the Government welcomed applications from communities to become 'Neighbourhood Planning Front Runners' to trial the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans. Tattenhall and District Parish Council were successful with their application to this process and were awarded Front Runner status as a Second Wave Neighbourhood Planning Pilot in March 2011.
- 1.4 The Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan is being produced by a Neighbourhood Planning Working Group that includes Parish Council members, representatives from the local community and Cheshire Community Action, with support provided by Cheshire West and Chester Council Officers.
- 1.5 Once adopted the Neighbourhood Plan will set out where future development should take place in Tattenhall, the type and quality of that development and ensure that it meets local objectives and needs. The Plan will aim to make Tattenhall an even better place to be, now and for future generations. Its objectives are:
- Delivery of a housing growth strategy tailored to the needs and context of Tattenhall
  - Sensitive development which protects and enriches the landscape and built setting
  - Sustaining and improving excellent local facilities for existing and new residents
  - Strengthening and supporting economic activity
  - Seek ongoing improvements to transport and digital connectivity

- Prioritise local distinctiveness in every element of change and growth
- Protect greenspace, the landscape, and support nature conservation
- Involve local people in an ongoing basis in the process of plan making, monitoring and delivery of development

### **Requirement for Sustainability Appraisal**

- 1.6 The legal requirement for a sustainability assessment of the Tattenhall Neighbourhood Development Plan derives from the requirements of the SEA Directive. Whilst there is no obligation to do so it has been decided to expand the assessment to a full sustainability appraisal.
- 1.7 Undertaking a full sustainability appraisal is considered to be good practice and will help to ensure the plan accords with the principles of sustainable development.

### **Overview of Sustainability Appraisal work to date**

- 1.8 Sustainability Appraisal is an ongoing and iterative process. It has five stages:
- Stage A: Scoping, evidence base gathering and establishing the SA framework
  - Stage B: Developing and refining options and assessing the significant effects and establishing the mechanism for monitoring the significant effects of the Neighbourhood Plan
  - Stage C: Preparing the SA Report which sets out the appraisal process and findings
  - Stage D: Consult with stakeholders on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan and the SA Report
  - Stage E: Monitoring the significant effects of implementing the Neighbourhood Plan once adopted.
- 1.9 Work on the SA of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan began in May 2012. In accordance with the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 and European Directive 2001/42/EC a Draft Screening Determination on the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Neighbourhood Plan was prepared. This concluded that the Neighbourhood Plan is likely to have a significant environmental effect and a SEA is required.

- 1.10 In August 2012 the Council consulted the statutory SEA consultees on a draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group. To expedite the SA process the SEA Screening Determination was appended to the Scoping Report and consulted on at the same time. A final version of the Scoping Report was prepared in October 2012.
- 1.11 The SA Scoping Report sets out baseline information by topic and highlights sustainability issues and trends for the Tattenhall and District Parish area. This information is considered to be up-to-date and to avoid duplication of effort has not been repeated in this report. The Scoping Report also outlines the sustainability framework for the SA including the sustainability objectives against which the proposals in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan will be assessed.
- 1.12 This report sets out the outcomes of the interim SA of the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan. The report will assist in refining the next iteration of the draft Neighbourhood Plan prior to its submission to Cheshire West and Chester Council.

## **2 The Tattenhall Sustainability Appraisal Framework**

- 2.1 The sustainability appraisal framework is the set of objectives and sub objectives against which the sustainability of draft Neighbourhood Plan has been assessed. The sustainability appraisal framework was developed and consulted on through the SA Scoping Report. The complete SA framework is set out in Table 1 below.
- 2.2 In preparing the SA framework the compatibility of all the SA Objectives together was tested. The results of this assessment are reported in the SA Framework Compatibility Matrix in Table 13 of the Scoping Report.
- 2.3 An important part of the SA framework is the SA monitoring framework. To monitor the impacts of the Neighbourhood Plan against the SA Objectives and sustainability issues for the local area, a monitoring scheme for the Neighbourhood Plan will be developed and reported on in the next interim sustainability appraisal report. This will include indicators to monitor any significant effects of policies in the Plan.

**Table 1 Tattenhall SA Framework**

	<b>Sustainability Objective</b>	<b>Sub-Objective</b>
<b>1</b>	Address the need to mitigate and adapt to climate change	Will the Neighbourhood Plan reduce the potential impacts of climate change?  Will the Neighbourhood Plan help to

		<p>minimise and reduce the emission of greenhouse gases, in particular CO<sub>2</sub>?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan ensure that new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car borne travel and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan promote, enhance or create green infrastructure?</p>
<b>2</b>	To reduce energy consumption, promote energy efficiency and the increase the use of energy from renewable resources	<p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan reduce energy consumption?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan promote energy efficiency?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan result in greater energy use from renewable resources?</p>
<b>3</b>	To protect and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and wildlife habitats	<p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan protect and promote Tattenhall's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, and ensure they are resilient to climate change?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan provide opportunities for local habitat and species conservation enhancements?</p>
<b>4</b>	To minimise the risk of flooding	Will the Neighbourhood Plan reduce the risk of flooding and avoid areas at risk from flooding?
<b>5</b>	To protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources, minimise the risk of pollution and improve water efficiency	<p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan protect, maintain and improve the quality of Tattenhall's water resources?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan encourage water efficiency and promote the use of grey-water recycling / rainwater harvesting?</p>
<b>6</b>	To protect air quality where it is of a high standard and improve it elsewhere	Will the Neighbourhood Plan improve or have an insignificant effect on local air quality, ensuring minimum impact on people's health?



<b>7</b>	To reduce the consumption of natural resources	<p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan result in the prudent use of natural resources?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan promote the use of secondary/recycled aggregates?</p>
<b>8</b>	To protect and enhance land and soil quality	Will the Neighbourhood Plan impact on the quality of soils?
<b>9</b>	To optimise the re-use of previously developed land and buildings	Will the Neighbourhood Plan promote redevelopment on brownfield land as a priority?
<b>10</b>	Achieve sustainable waste management by reducing the production of waste, increasing opportunities for recycling and reducing the amount of waste being sent for final disposal to landfill.	Will the Neighbourhood Plan result in new or enhanced waste management facilities to meet the waste management needs of Tattenhall?
<b>11</b>	To preserve and enhance sites, features, areas and settings of archaeological, historical and cultural heritage importance	Will the Neighbourhood Plan ensure the continued protection and enhancement of Tattenhall's built heritage, including its conservation area and historic buildings?
<b>12</b>	To protect, enhance and manage the character and appearance of the landscape and townscape, maintaining local distinctiveness and sense of place.	<p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan protect and reinforce Tattenhall's landscape setting?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan enhance and respect Tattenhall's local and built character?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan increase the provision of Open Space to address deficits?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan protect and enhance the provision of green infrastructure and its wider multifunctional benefits?</p>
<b>13</b>	Improve health and social inclusion, whilst reducing inequality, and valuing diversity and equality.	<p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan meet the health needs of Tattenhall and its residents?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan improve access to services in Tattenhall?</p>
<b>14</b>	To provide sufficient housing to meet identified needs including affordable	Does the Neighbourhood Plan contribute to and meet the identified housing needs for

	housing, and specialist groups.	Tattenhall?
15	To create a safe environment to live in and reduce the fear of crime.	<p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan reduce opportunities for crime and therefore, levels of crime?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan affect the fear of crime and feelings of safety?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan improve road safety?</p>
16	To support sustainable economic growth and competitiveness, and provide opportunities for ongoing private sector investment.	<p>Does the Neighbourhood Plan continue to provide opportunities for the creation of new business and enterprise in Tattenhall?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan minimise the loss / displacement of existing businesses?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan contribute to meeting the employment needs of Tattenhall?</p>
17	To develop and enhance the visitor economy/tourism.	Does the Neighbourhood Plan promote tourism and the visitor economy in Tattenhall?
18	To promote regeneration of deprived areas and deliver urban / rural renaissance and improve image.	<p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan deliver rural renaissance and regeneration in Tattenhall?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan improve economic conditions?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan support rural diversification?</p>
19	To maintain and improve the vitality and viability of City, town and local centres.	Will the Neighbourhood Plan safeguard and improve Tattenhall's shops, services and leisure facilities, to meet the needs of the community?

### 3 Appraisal Methodology

3.1 The Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan has a wider remit than simply being a planning document, containing aspirations to guide decision making by a wider range of service providers in the Parish. The SA of the Plan focuses on its planning policy elements. Namely these are:

- The Plan's Objectives
- Housing Growth Strategy
- Topic specific policies

3.2 For the purposes of undertaking the sustainability appraisal the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan have been summarised in statements and grouped under the topic headings of the document. Table 2 sets these out.

**Table 2 Policy Elements for Appraisal**

<b>Housing Growth</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 300 homes including seeking 40% affordable housing phased over the plan period</li> <li>• New development will be focussed in the village of Tattenhall with the opportunity for small scale development elsewhere in the Parish recognised.</li> <li>• Housing sites will be small scale (preferably up to 35 homes). They will be in keeping with the character and grain of the village, capacity of local facilities and assessed against the Building for Life standard</li> </ul>
<b>Local Character</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining views and vistas from the village</li> <li>• Retaining the village feel and sense of place</li> <li>• Utilising previously development land where possible</li> </ul>
<b>Local Facilities</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prioritising the village centre as a thriving centre for local shops and community infrastructure</li> <li>• Sustaining local businesses and improving local facilities</li> <li>• Support for local community facilities</li> </ul>
<b>Local Economy</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting local rural business and extensions to existing commercial, leisure and tourism in rural areas where there is no unacceptable impact</li> <li>• Assessing applications for new development or change of use of existing premises or building for the provision of retail hospitality and employment on their merits</li> </ul>
<b>Transport and Communications</b>

- Improved walking and cycling connections
- Longer term possibility of a new railway station to provide connections to Crewe, Chester and beyond
- Addressing traffic impact of new development
- Delivery of high speed broadband

#### **Landscape and Environment**

- Protection of green spaces
- Promote, protect, create and restore green wildlife corridors and sites
- Ensure new development addresses visual or landscape impact

### **Compatibility of the SA and Neighbourhood Plan Objectives**

- 3.3 It is important that the objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan are in accordance with sustainable development principles. The compatibility of the Plans objectives with the SA objectives has therefore been tested. There is no association between a number of the SA objectives and the Plan objectives, but where there is a link the Plan's objectives are compatible with and support the SA objectives. The compatibility table is attached in Appendix 1.

### **Developing the Plan Strategy and Options**

- 3.4 The SEA directive requires the consideration and appraisal of reasonable alternative plan options when assessing Neighbourhood Development Plans.
- 3.5 The preparation of the draft Neighbourhood Plan has been an iterative process. Its direction of travel has been informed by extensive public consultation and a clear vision about how the Parish should develop. An exhaustive process of identifying, exploring and testing options has therefore not been appropriate or necessary in this instance.

### **Existing Policies**

- 3.6 To help quantify the likely effects of producing a Neighbourhood Plan a 'Do nothing' option has also been assessed. This identifies the likely sustainability impacts that would occur if the Neighbourhood Plan was not adopted and existing policies at the national, regional and Borough level were in place.

- 3.7 The 'Do nothing' appraisal has been undertaken on the basis that in the short term the adopted Chester Local Plan, North West Regional Spatial Strategy and National Planning Policy Framework will be in effect, and in the medium to long term the National Planning Policy Framework and the emerging Cheshire West and Chester Local Plan.

### **Technical Difficulties Encountered**

- 3.8 The SEA Directive requires the identification of any difficulties, such as technical deficiencies or lack of know-how encountered when undertaking the sustainability appraisal. The following difficulties arose during the appraisal:

- Detail of the policies – As this is an early iteration of the Neighbourhood Plan some of its policies are still relatively broad and aspirational. The sustainability appraisal has focussed on the Plan's planning policy elements.
- Conformity and Weight –There is still some uncertainty over the alignment of the Neighbourhood Plan with the current and emerging development plan for the Borough and its weight in decision making. This appraisal has assumed that the adopted Chester Local Plan, the North West Regional Spatial Strategy and NPPF will be part of the policy context for the Plan in the short term, the NPPF and the Cheshire West and Chester Local Plan in the medium to longer term, and the Plan could strengthen the role of the Tattenhall Village Design Statement.
- Guidance on Appraising Neighbourhood Plans – As of yet no official guidance or legislation on the requirement for a sustainability appraisal of Neighbourhood Development Plans has been published. Knowledge and experience of the SA processes and requirements for other Local Development Documents has therefore been drawn upon to appraise the Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan and to determine the appraisal methodology.
- Options – No alternatives have been proposed to the policies in the draft Plan, however its preparation has been an iterative process guided by a clear vision. Identifying options has not been necessary in this instance.

## **4 Results of the Assessment**

- 4.1 An appraisal of the Neighbourhood Plan's policies has been undertaken against the Tattenhall Sustainability Framework. The results of this appraisal help to identify and describe the likely sustainability impacts of the Plan.

### **Assessing the Neighbourhood Plan**

- 4.2 The appraisal of the Neighbourhood Plan has been undertaken as a ‘whole plan’ assessment, whereby the planning policies of the Neighbourhood Plan as a whole are assessed against each of the SA objectives.
- 4.3 The draft planning policies of the Neighbourhood Plan have been appraised against the Tattenhall SA Framework using a set of measures detailed in Table 2 below. The option Housing Strategy and the ‘Do nothing’ scenario have been assessed using the same criteria.
- 4.4 The appraisal of the Plan’s policies against each SA objective is accompanied where relevant by a commentary, which identifies any possible mitigation measures that could enhance the plan’s performance and describes the result of the assessment.
- 4.5 The assessment of the plan and its likely effects has been informed by the baseline data and evidence gathered as part of the Tattenhall SA Scoping Report.

**Table 3 Assessment Measures**

<b>Effect</b>	<b>Description and Key</b>
Very Positive	The Neighbourhood Plan contributes significantly to the achievement of the objective
Positive	The Neighbourhood Plan contributes to the achievement of the objective but not significantly
Neutral	The Neighbourhood Plan does not have an effect on the achievement of the objective
Negative	The Neighbourhood Plan detracts from the achievement of the objective but not significantly
Very Negative	The Neighbourhood Plan detracts significantly from the achievement of the objective
No Relationship	There is no clear relationship between the Neighbourhood Plan and the achievement of the objective, or the relationship is negligible
Uncertain	The Neighbourhood Plan has an uncertain relationship to the objective, the effect is dependent on how the Plan is implemented or there is insufficient information to make an assessment

- 4.6 The timescale over which the effects will manifest themselves – short, medium or long term, whether they will be permanent or temporary, and any

possible cumulative, secondary or synergistic effects are also considered, identified and described in the appraisal commentary where relevant

### **Summary of Findings**

- 4.7 The appraisal has revealed that when measured against the sustainability objectives for Tattenhall, the Neighbourhood Plan should perform well and will help to deliver sustainable development in the Parish.
- 4.8 There is uncertainty over the performance of some of the policies, and no relationship between some of the sustainability objectives and the elements of the plan appraised, but overall the plan is likely to have a positive sustainability effect. The full appraisal matrix is set out in Appendix 2. In summary the assessment of the Neighbourhood Plan has revealed that:
- The Neighbourhood Plan could lead to very positive effects in respect of enhancing biodiversity and habitats, the historic environment, landscape character and meeting housing needs. The Plan seeks to promote, protect, create and restore wildlife corridors, sites and habitats within the Parish, extending green spaces and providing new nature conservation areas where possible. Although the Plan promotes new development within the District it sets out specific policies to ensure that new development protects and enhances the area's character and built heritage.
  - Further positive effects could occur in respect of addressing climate change, securing the use of renewable energy, water, land and resources, access to services and economic development. The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to secure homes that use sustainable forms of energy and outlines policies for green infrastructure, helping to address the effects of climate change and secure the use of renewable/low carbon energy. The Plan could maintain and in some cases improve the quality of Tattenhall's water resources and result in the prudent use of land and resources. The Plan would provide policies to support Tattenhall's services and facilities, ensuring that it continues to be a thriving rural community.
  - There is some uncertainty over the Plan's effects on local air quality, employment, commercial and tourism development. Promoting development in a rural location is likely to result in increased car borne travelling, but the Plan also proposes to increase the provision of local cycling and pedestrian infrastructure throughout the Parish, improve the distribution of high speed broadband and explore options to bring Tattenhall railway station back into use. Increased car borne travelling could also be an accepted side-effect of development in rural areas. The Plan will consider employment, commercial and tourism developments on their

merits, but at the same time seeks to support a thriving economy and vibrant community.

- In relation to flood risk and natural resources in particular, although parts of Tattenhall are susceptible to flooding and the Neighbourhood Plan could result in the use of primary aggregates, these issues are covered by higher level plans.
- There is some uncertainty in the short term over how successful the Neighbourhood Plan will be in prioritising the reuse of brownfield land, protecting the scale and character of Tattenhall and meeting local housing needs. This is due to possible tensions between the Neighbourhood Plan and the Borough's current 5- year housing land supply shortfall. This issue could take precedent over some of the Neighbourhood Plan's proposals, but this would be dependent on variables that include the application of policies, the weight attached to the Council's emerging Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan in decision making. In the medium to longer term very positive effects are more likely.
- Under the existing policies scenario the application of existing and emerging development plan policies is likely to have similar effects to the Neighbourhood Plan, although positive effects will be reduced in relation to enhancing biodiversity and habitats, the historic environment, landscape character and housing needs. This is due to the prescriptive requirements that could be sought through the Neighbourhood Plan in relation to these topics.
- The existing development plan scores more positively in relation to waste management, flood risk and the prudent use of natural resources, but these issues are covered by higher level plans.
- There could be a greater risk over the short term of undermining the use of previously developed land, the character of Tattenhall and not supplying housing that genuinely meets local needs if the Neighbourhood Plan is not in effect.

## **Recommendations**

4.9 In undertaking the appraisal of the Neighbourhood Plan a number of recommendations were identified:

- The positive performance of the Neighbourhood Plan could therefore be enhanced and more certain by giving a number of its proposals more local emphasis and detail. For example, in relation to retaining, supporting and enhancing important local community infrastructure, it could usefully



highlight what facilities this requirement would refer to. Policies for managing traffic and road safety could be enhanced by highlighting specific local measures that should be implemented. Outlining decision making criteria for employment proposals could provide more certainty and confidence to applicants.

- The Vision for the Neighbourhood Plan makes specific reference to endorsing policies that mitigate climate change and reduce Tattenhall's carbon footprint. This should be translated into a Plan objective.
- The requirement for new homes to utilise sustainable forms of energy could be expanded to other forms of development, or a sustainable design policy could be explored in light of Tattenhall's high energy usage and off-grid properties. Specific identification of local open space requirements or schemes could be added into proposals for enhancing local facilities and to address open space deficits.
- A detailed sustainability appraisal of the next draft of the Neighbourhood Plan should be undertaken.

### **Monitoring**

- 4.10 A monitoring scheme for the Neighbourhood Plan will be developed and reported on in the next interim sustainability appraisal report. This will include indicators to monitor any significant effects of policies in the Plan.

### **Next Steps**

- 4.11 The findings of the interim sustainability appraisal should be used to inform the preparation of a revised draft Neighbourhood Plan prior to submission to Cheshire West and Chester Council. A further detailed sustainability appraisal of the revised draft Plan will be undertaken.

### **SEA Quality Assurance Checklist**

- 4.12 A Quality Assurance Checklist has been used to ensure that the requirements of the SEA Directive have been met and fully integrated in to the sustainability process covered in this document. The Quality Assurance Checklist covers both the technical and procedural steps of the sustainability appraisal process and will be updated as the different stages of the appraisal are reached. The Quality Assurance Checklist is attached as Appendix 3 to this report.

## Appendix 1 Compatibility of Neighbourhood Plan and SA Objectives

		Objective Key √-Compatible ?-Uncertain ~-No Link X-Conflicting							
		Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan Objectives							
SA Objective	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
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3	~	~	~	~	~	~	√	~	
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18	~	~	√	√	~	~	~	~	
19	√	~	√	√	~	~	~	~	

### Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan Objectives

- 1 Delivery of a housing growth strategy tailored to the needs and context of Tattenhall
- 2 Sensitive development which protects and enriches the landscape and built setting
- 3 Sustaining and improving excellent local facilities for existing and new residents
- 4 Strengthening and supporting economic activity
- 5 Seek ongoing improvements to transport and digital connectivity
- 6 Prioritise local distinctiveness in every element of change and growth
- 7 Protect greenspace, the landscape, and support nature conservation
- 8 Involve local people in an ongoing basis in the process of plan making, monitoring and delivery of development

## Appendix 2 Sustainability Appraisal Matrix

SA Objective	Sub Objective/Appraisal Criteria	Assessment of Effects		Commentary
		Neighbourhood Plan (Relevant Policies)	Existing and Emerging Policies	
Address the need to mitigate and adapt to climate change	<p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan reduce the potential impacts of climate change?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan help to minimise and reduce the emission of greenhouse gases, in particular CO2?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan ensure that new development is in accessible locations in order to reduce the need for car borne travel and / or encourage sustainable forms of transport?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan promote, enhance or create green infrastructure?</p>	<p><b>Transport and Communications</b></p> <p><b>Housing Growth</b></p> <p><b>Landscape and Environment</b></p>		<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b></p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan proposes to secure homes that use sustainable sources of energy and could therefore make a permanent contribution towards this objective. Seeking Improved movement by cyclists and pedestrians within and between the Parish's settlements, providing for new public rights of way and deliver high speed broadband could help to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions that could arise from increased car-borne travel. Creating new wildlife corridors and extending existing green spaces in the Parish could also help to realise the benefits of green infrastructure in relation to climate change. The positive effects associated with each of these proposals are likely to increase over the medium and longer term with application of the Plan's policies, cumulatively having a greater effect.</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b></p> <p>The NPPF requires local planning authorities to adopt proactive strategies to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Although increasingly outdated and un-specific on the issue of climate change, cumulatively policies in the Chester Local Plan are also likely to have a similarly positive effect on meeting this objective.</p>
To reduce energy consumption, promote energy efficiency and increase the use of energy from renewable resources	<p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan reduce energy consumption?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan promote energy efficiency?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan result in greater energy use from renewable resources?</p>	<p><b>Housing Growth</b></p>		<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b></p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan proposes to secure homes that use sustainable sources of energy and could therefore make a permanent contribution towards this objective. As this requirement is still a broad proposal the Plan could potentially be enhanced by extending this requirement to other forms of development and exploring local guidelines for promoting energy efficiency. There is no direct relationship between the Plan and this sub-objective at present. The positive effects of the Plan in relation to this objective are likely to increase over the medium and longer term with increased application of the Plan's policies and have a permanent impact.</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b></p> <p>The NPPF requires local planning authorities to promote energy from renewable and low carbon sources to supply new development. The Chester Local Plan does not set a specific local policy requirement for energy efficiency or renewable energy production, but proposals to encourage these measures are outlined in the emerging CWaC Local Plan.</p>
To protect and enhance the Borough's biodiversity and wildlife habitats	<p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan protect and promote Tattenhall's sites of ecological and nature conservation importance, and ensure they are resilient to climate change?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan provide opportunities for local habitat and species conservation enhancements?</p>	<p><b>Landscape and Environment</b></p>		<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b></p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to promote, protect, create and restore wildlife corridors, sites and habitats within the Parish, extending green spaces and providing new nature conservation areas where possible. These measures will make a positive contribution to this objective. There is no direct relationship between the Plan and the resilience of nature assets to climate change, although Plan measures that could mitigate and reduce the effects of climate change could also have an indirect positive effect on this objective. The positive effects of the Plan in relation to this objective are likely to increase over the medium and longer term with increased application of the Plan's policies and be permanent.</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b></p> <p>Cumulatively policies in the NPPF, Chester and CWaC Local Plans could result in similar positive effects when assessed against this objective. However, the Neighbourhood Plan sets out specific policy guidance for the creation of wildlife corridors and protection of green spaces,</p>

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		Neighbourhood Plan (Relevant Policies)	Existing and Emerging Policies	
				alongside the retention of local features such as hedgerows, woodland and ponds, likely to be important for local wildlife. It could therefore increase positive effects.
To minimise the risk of flooding	Will the Neighbourhood Plan reduce the risk of flooding and avoid areas at risk from flooding?	Housing Growth		<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b></p> <p>Parts of Tattenhall are identified as being susceptible to flooding, but any potential risks will be appropriately addressed in accordance with flood management policies in the adopted Local Plan and National Planning Policy Framework. This is not a consideration for the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b></p> <p>The NPPF, Chester and CWaC Local Plans set out specific guidance on the management of flood risk and could therefore have a very positive effect on this objective.</p>
To protect, maintain and improve the quality of water resources, minimise the risk of pollution and improve water efficiency	<p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan protect, maintain and improve the quality of Tattenhall's water resources?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan encourage water efficiency and promote the use of grey-water recycling / rainwater harvesting?</p>	Housing Growth		<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b></p> <p>It has been demonstrated that the amount of housing proposed through the Neighbourhood Plan can be accommodated by Tattenhall's water works without exacerbating established water quality objectives. The impact of specific proposals on water bodies and resources is uncertain but would be considered in accordance with the adopted Local Plan, National Planning Policy Framework and other development regulations. Creating and enhancing wildlife corridors has the potential to have an indirect positive effect on the ecological status and quality of Keys Brook and Golbourne Brook. The Neighbourhood Plan doesn't contain specific requirements for water efficiency measures, and adding this into a policy for high quality design should be explored. The positive effects of the Plan in relation to this objective are likely to increase over the medium and longer term with increased application of the Plan's policies.</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b></p> <p>The NPPF, Chester and CWaC Local Plans would still require development proposals to take account of water resources in the Tattenhall area. However, setting out specific policies for the creation and enhancement of local wildlife corridors, the Neighbourhood Plan could potentially increase any positive effects.</p>
To protect air quality where it is of a high standard and improve it elsewhere	Will the Neighbourhood Plan improve or have an insignificant effect on local air quality, ensuring minimum impact on people's health?	<p>Transport and Communications</p> <p>Housing Growth</p> <p>Local Economy</p>		<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b></p> <p>Seeking to improve movement by cyclists and pedestrians within and between Tattenhall's settlements will help the Neighbourhood Plan to improve local air quality. Proposals for new housing and policies that seek to allow new business, tourism and hospitality developments could however increase the need for car-borne travelling in the District due to its rural location. The Neighbourhood Plan's proposals for sustainable modes of local transport, securing high speed broadband and exploring the potential reopening of Tattenhall railway station could help to mitigate local air quality impacts arising from new development, but a negative impact could still occur. Both positive and negative effects are likely to increase over time as development takes place.</p>

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		Neighbourhood Plan (Relevant Policies)	Existing and Emerging Policies	
				<p><b>Existing Policies</b></p> <p>Cumulatively policies in the NPPF, Chester and CWaC Local Plans could result in a similar assessment outcome when assessed against this policy, although there is a short term risk of greater permanent negative effects arising from new housing development.</p>
To reduce the consumption of natural resources	<p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan result in the prudent use of natural resources?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan promote the use of secondary/recycled aggregates?</p>	<b>Housing Growth</b>		<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b></p> <p>Although likely that primary won aggregates will be required for developments coming forward under the Plan, policies in the adopted Waste Local Plan will require the use of secondary-won materials wherever possible. This is not a consideration for the neighbourhood plan.</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b></p> <p>The use of secondary/recycled aggregates would be promoted wherever possible.</p>
To protect and enhance land and soil quality	<p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan impact on the quality of soils?</p>	<p><b>Housing Growth</b></p> <p><b>Local Economy</b></p>		<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b></p> <p>By proposing new development the Neighbourhood Plan could affect the quality of soils, however there is no accurate method of identifying their quality. Healthy soils around Tattenhall are likely to provide a number of benefits – supporting wildlife, the rural landscape, food production and the preservation of cultural heritage. Each of these features could be protected or in some cases enhanced through elements of the Neighbourhood Plan, helping to ensure that the high quality soils that create them could be indirectly safeguarded. Potential loss of best and most versatile agricultural land would be resisted in line with the adopted Local Plan and the NPPF. Positive effects are likely to occur over the lifetime of the plan and have a permanent impact.</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b></p> <p>The existing development plan for the area will seek to resist the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land and could also deliver features that would protect or enhance the quality of soils, although the scope of policies is likely to be broader and less prescriptive compared to the Neighbourhood Plan. There is still no accurate method of identifying the quality of soils at the Borough level.</p>
To optimise the re-use of previously developed land and buildings	<p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan promote redevelopment on brownfield land as a priority?</p>	<b>Local Character</b>		<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b></p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan promotes new housing development and provides policies for new buildings for employment, retail and tourism developments. Some of these proposals are likely to require the use of greenfield land for development, but there is a commitment to utilise previously developed land wherever possible. However in the short term there is particular uncertainty as to whether more greenfield developments could come forward due to the Cheshire West and Chester's 5-year housing land supply shortfall. Any effects are likely to be permanent.</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b></p> <p>The Chester Local Plan and NPPF encourage the reuse of previously developed land wherever possible, however there is particular uncertainty and a greater risk that more greenfield land will be required in the short term due to the Borough's 5-year housing land supply shortfall. Any effects are likely to be permanent</p>

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		Neighbourhood Plan (Relevant Policies)	Existing and Emerging Policies	
Achieve sustainable waste management by reducing the production of waste, increasing opportunities for recycling and reducing the amount of waste being sent for final disposal to landfill.	Will the Neighbourhood Plan result in new or enhanced waste management facilities to meet the waste management needs of Tattenhall?	Local Facilities		<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b></p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan will require housing developments to provide adequate storage for waste and recycling bins. Although most development proposals likely to come forward under the Plan will have waste management implications the majority of these would be addressed by policies in the Local Plan and are outside of the scope of the Plan.</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b></p> <p>The Local Plan provides policies for managing waste and the provision of waste management facilities.</p>
To preserve and enhance sites, features, areas and settings of archaeological, historical and cultural heritage importance	Will the Neighbourhood Plan ensure the continued protection and enhancement of Tattenhall's built heritage, including its conservation area and historic buildings?	Local Character Housing Growth Local Economy		<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b></p> <p>Proposals for new development within and around Tattenhall have the potential to undermine the District's character and built heritage, but the Neighbourhood Plan proposes policies to ensure these continue to be protected and enhanced. Through the Tattenhall Village Design Statement the Plan provides specific design guidelines that could reinforce its ability to meet this objective, with permanent effects.</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b></p> <p>The NPPF, Chester and CWaC Local Plans recognise the importance of protecting the built environment. They contain policies for the enhancement and protection of conservation areas, listed buildings and buildings of local architectural or historic interest. Supplemented by the Tattenhall Village Design Statement they could have a similar positive effect, although the Neighbourhood Plan and its policies could reinforce the use of design guidance specific to the District.</p>
To protect, enhance and manage the character and appearance of the landscape and townscape, maintaining local distinctiveness and sense of place.	<p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan protect and reinforce Tattenhall's landscape setting?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan enhance and respect Tattenhall's local and built character?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan increase the provision of Open Space to address deficits?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan protect and enhance the provision of green infrastructure and its wider multifunctional benefits?</p>	Local Character Landscape and Environment Housing Growth Local Economy		<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b></p> <p>Proposals for new development within and around Tattenhall have the potential to undermine the District's character, however the Plan should ensure that new developments are of a scale and standard that complements the character and setting of Tattenhall and the District, retaining important views and vistas across the surrounding countryside. There is a particular risk that housing developments could however come forward without full regard to the character of the village. Locally important green spaces should be protected, extended and wildlife corridors established. The wider benefits of green infrastructure should be realised. The Plan recognises the importance of protecting and enhancing local community infrastructure, but doesn't specifically mention open space.</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b></p> <p>Local and national policies should ensure the continued protection of landscape and character, but in the short term there is a particular and greater risk that housing developments could take precedent over these considerations. When supplemented by the Tattenhall Village Design Statement the existing development plan could have a similar positive effect in these respects. The Local Plan sets out guidelines for the provision of open space, and broad policies that could protect and enhance green infrastructure assets, though more prescriptive policies in the Neighbourhood Plan could potentially achieve a greater positive effect in this respect.</p>

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		Neighbourhood Plan (Relevant Policies)	Existing and Emerging Policies	
Improve health and social inclusion, whilst reducing inequality, and valuing diversity and equality.	<p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan meet the health needs of Tattenhall and its residents?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan improve access to services in Tattenhall?</p>	<p><b>Local Facilities</b></p> <p><b>Housing Growth</b></p>		<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b></p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to retain, support and enhance Tattenhall's local community infrastructure. It sets out to sustain local businesses and ensure that the centre of Tattenhall village is prioritised as a thriving focal point for local shops, services and facilities. The Plan recognises the need to achieve a balanced community, supporting young people and elderly residents alike. Positive effects are likely to increase with application of the Plan's policies and have a long lasting effect.</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b></p> <p>Cumulatively policies in the development plan could also result in positive effects judged against this objective. It provides policies that seek to protect and allow the development of new services in rural communities, though the Neighbourhood Plan could possibly achieve a greater positive effect by providing specific local guidelines.</p>
To provide sufficient housing to meet identified needs including affordable housing, and specialist groups.	Does the Neighbourhood Plan contribute to and meet the identified housing needs for Tattenhall?	<p><b>Housing Growth</b></p> <p><b>Local Facilities</b></p>		<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b></p> <p>The number of new homes sought through the Neighbourhood Plan is consistent with evidence of housing needs prepared in support of Cheshire West and Chester Council's emerging Local Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan sets out that proposals for new housing development will be reviewed to ensure they are supplying a mix of housing types and tenures to suit local requirements. A 40% affordable housing requirement will be applied to eligible housing schemes, reflecting local demand and that housing affordability is a key local priority. In the short term there is a risk that housing delivery will not address local needs, as these could be dictated by the housing requirements of the wider Borough. Positive effects should be permanent</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b></p> <p>Existing policies should deliver housing to meet the Borough's housing demands, but in the short term there is a greater risk that homes will be provided without regard to local circumstances of need. A 40% affordable housing requirement would be applied to eligible housing schemes in the Tattenhall area.</p>
To create a safe environment to live in and reduce the fear of crime.	<p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan reduce opportunities for crime and therefore, levels of crime?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan affect the fear of crime and feelings of safety?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan improve road safety?</p>	<p><b>Transport and Communications</b></p>		<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b></p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to improve safe and enjoyable movement by pedestrians and cyclists throughout the District, whilst housing proposals should incorporate streets for all, encouraging low vehicle speeds. Positive effects are likely to increase over time in line with application of the Plan's policies, having a long lasting beneficial effect.</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b></p> <p>The NPPF, Chester and CWaC Local Plans would seek to achieve provision for cyclist and pedestrians in new development and measures to improve safety, particularly in residential areas.</p>
To support sustainable economic growth and competitiveness, and provide opportunities for ongoing private sector investment.	<p>Does the Neighbourhood Plan continue to provide opportunities for the creation of new business and enterprise in Tattenhall?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan minimise the loss / displacement of existing businesses?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan contribute to meeting the</p>	<p><b>Local Economy</b></p>		<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b></p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to support a thriving local economy, setting out proposals to allow new commercial premises and extensions to existing businesses in the District and support for business in the countryside. The Plan could therefore have a positive effect in relation to this objective. The effects of these policies will however be dependent on the acceptability of proposals, which would be considered on their merits and impacts. Positive impacts are likely to increase over time with application of the Plan's policies.</p>

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		Neighbourhood Plan (Relevant Policies)	Existing and Emerging Policies	
	employment needs of Tattenhall?			<p><b>Existing Policies</b></p> <p>The NPPF, Chester and CWaC Local Plans would allow proposals for economic development in the rural area, subject to criteria.</p>
To develop and enhance the visitor economy/tourism.	Does the Neighbourhood Plan promote tourism and the visitor economy in Tattenhall?	Local Economy		<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b></p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to support hospitality and tourism uses in the District and could therefore make a long lasting, permanent positive contribution to meeting this objective. However, this would be dependent on the acceptability of proposals, which will be considered on their merits and impacts.</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b></p> <p>The development plan would allow tourism development in the rural area and Tattenhall, supporting this objective.</p>
To promote regeneration of deprived areas and deliver urban / rural renaissance and improve image.	<p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan deliver rural renaissance and regeneration in Tattenhall?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan improve economic conditions?</p> <p>Will the Neighbourhood Plan support rural diversification?</p>	<p>Housing Growth</p> <p>Local Economy</p> <p>Local Facilities</p>		<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b></p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan's housing growth, local economy and facility proposals should ensure that Tattenhall continues to be a thriving, vibrant rural community, although the Plan indicates that proposals for employment or commercial development will be considered on their merits. The positive effects of the Plan are likely to increase over time with the application of its policies and have a long lasting impact.</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b></p> <p>Existing policies would have a positive effect when judged against this objective.</p>
To maintain and improve the vitality and viability of City, town and local centres.	Will the Neighbourhood Plan safeguard and improve Tattenhall's shops, services and leisure facilities, to meet the needs of the community?	<p>Local Facilities</p> <p>Local Economy</p>		<p><b>Effects of the Plan</b></p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to retain, support and enhance Tattenhall's local community infrastructure. It sets out to sustain local business, support a thriving local economy and ensure that the centre of Tattenhall village is prioritised as a thriving focal point for local shops, services and facilities to meet the needs of the community. Positive impacts are likely to increase over time.</p> <p><b>Existing Policies</b></p> <p>Existing policies would have a positive effect when judged against this objective.</p>

Effect	Description and Key
Very Positive	The Neighbourhood Plan contributes significantly to the achievement of the objective
Positive	The Neighbourhood Plan contributes to the achievement of the objective but not significantly
Neutral	The Neighbourhood Plan does not have an effect on the achievement of the objective
Negative	The Neighbourhood Plan detracts from the achievement of the objective but not significantly



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Very Negative	The Neighbourhood Plan detracts significantly from the achievement of the objective
No Relationship	There is no clear relationship between the Neighbourhood Plan and the achievement of the objective, or the relationship is negligible
Uncertain	The Neighbourhood Plan has an uncertain relationship to the objective, the effect is dependent on how the Plan is implemented or there is insufficient information to make an assessment

## Appendix 3 SEA Quality Assurance Checklist

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The Quality Assurance Checklist below has been used to ensure that the requirements of the SEA Directive have been met and fully integrated into the sustainability process covered in this document. The Quality Assurance Checklist covers both the technical and procedural steps of the sustainability appraisal process and will be updated as the different stages are reached.

Requirements in SEA Directive	Where met in Report
<b>Objectives and Context</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Plans purpose and objectives are made clear</li> </ul>	Yes Introduction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainability issues including international and EC objectives, are considered in developing objectives and targets</li> </ul>	Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan Scoping Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SA objectives are clearly set out and linked to indicators and targets where appropriate</li> </ul>	Yes Chapter 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Links with related plans, programmes and targets are identified and explained</li> </ul>	Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan Scoping Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conflicts that exist between SA objectives and other plan objectives are identified and described</li> </ul>	Yes Chapter 3
<b>Scoping</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The environmental consultation bodies are consulted in appropriate ways and at appropriate times on the content and scope of the SA report</li> </ul>	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The appraisal focuses on significant issues</li> </ul>	Yes Chapter 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technical, procedural and other difficulties encountered are discussed: assumptions and uncertainties are made explicit</li> </ul>	Yes Chapter 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasons are given for eliminating issues from further consideration</li> </ul>	Yes Chapter 4
<b>Options / Alternatives</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Realistic alternatives are considered for key issues and the reasons for choosing them are documented</li> </ul>	Yes Chapter 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternatives include 'do nothing' and/or 'business as usual' scenarios wherever relevant</li> </ul>	Yes Chapter 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The sustainability effects (both adverse and beneficial) of each alternative are identified and compared</li> </ul>	Yes Chapter 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inconsistencies between the alternatives and other relevant plans, programmes or policies are identified and explained</li> </ul>	Yes Chapter 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasons are given for the selection or elimination of alternatives</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>Baseline Information</b>	

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<b>Requirements in SEA Directive</b>	<b>Where met in Report</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and their evolution without the plan are described</li> </ul>	Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan Scoping Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Characteristics of the area likely to be significantly affected are described, including areas wider than the physical boundary of the plan area where it is likely to be affected by the plan where practicable</li> </ul>	Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan Scoping Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Difficulties such as deficiencies in information or methods are explained</li> </ul>	Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan Scoping Report
<b>Prediction and evaluation of likely significant effects</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Likely significant social, environmental and economic effects are identified including those listed in the SEA Directive (biodiversity, population, human health, flora, fauna, soil, water, air, climate, material assets, cultural heritage and landscape) as relevant</li> </ul>	Yes Chapter 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both positive and negative effects are considered and where practicable the duration of effects (short, medium or long term) is addressed</li> </ul>	Yes Chapter 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Likely secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects are identified where practicable</li> </ul>	Yes Chapter 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inter-relationships between effects are considered where practicable</li> </ul>	Yes Chapter 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where relevant, the prediction and evaluation of effects makes use of accepted standards, regulations and thresholds.</li> </ul>	Yes Chapter 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Methods used to evaluate the effects are described.</li> </ul>	Yes Chapter 4
<b>Mitigation Measures</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and offset any significant adverse effects of implementing the plan</li> </ul>	Yes Chapter 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issues to be taken into account in development consents are identified</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>The Sustainability Appraisal Report</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is clear and concise in layout and presentation</li> </ul>	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses simple, clear language and avoids or explains technical terms</li> </ul>	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses maps and other illustrations where appropriate</li> </ul>	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explains the methodology used</li> </ul>	Yes Chapter 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explains who was consulted and what methods of consultation were used</li> </ul>	As Part of Neighbourhood Plan consultation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identified sources of information, including expert judgement and matters of opinion</li> </ul>	Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan Scoping Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contains a non technical summary</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>Consultation</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SA is consulted on as an integral Part of the</li> </ul>	As Part of Neighbourhood

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Requirements in SEA Directive	Where met in Report
plan making process	Plan consultation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The consultation bodies, other consultees and the public are consulted in ways which give them an early and effective opportunity within appropriate time frames to express their opinions on the Draft Plan and SA Report</li> </ul>	As Part of Neighbourhood Plan consultation
Decision making and information and the Decision	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SA Report and the opinions of those consulted are taken into account in finalising and adopting the plan</li> </ul>	At next stage in plan making process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An explanation is given of how they have been taken into account</li> </ul>	To be included in the final SA Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasons are given for choices in the adopted plan, in light of other reasonable options considered</li> </ul>	To be included in the final SA Report
Monitoring Measures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measures proposed for monitoring are clear, practicable and linked to the indicators and objectives used in the SA</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring is used, where appropriate during implementation of the plan to make good deficiencies in baseline information in the SA</li> </ul>	Post Plan Adoption
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring enables unforeseen adverse effects to be identified at an early stage (these effects may include predictions which prove to be incorrect).</li> </ul>	Post Plan Adoption
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposals are made for action in response to significant adverse effects.</li> </ul>	Post Plan Adoption