## **Appendix P:**

## Compliance with SEA Regulations 2004 (SI 2004 No. 1633): How Requirements Addressed in Walsall SAD and AAP SA Report

## **SEA Regulations Requirements**

Preparation of an **environmental report** in which the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the plan or programme, and reasonable alternatives taking into account the objectives and geographical scope of the plan or programme, are identified, described and evaluated.

The information to be provided is listed in Schedule 2 of the SEA Regulations, which transposes the requirements of SEA Directive (2001/42/EC) Article 5 and Annex I.

Schedule 2 Requirements	Where Addressed in SA Report
a) An outline of the contents, main objectives of the plan or programme, and relationship with other relevant plans and programmes	SA Report Chapter 1 (1.2 – 1.4) Chapter 3 (3.3 – 3.6)
b) The relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without implementation of the plan or programme	SA Report Chapter 4 (4.3 – 4.4)
c) The environmental characteristics of areas likely to be significantly affected	SA Report Chapter 4 (4.5)
d) Any existing environmental problems which are relevant to the plan or programme including, in particular, those relating to any areas of a particular environmental importance, such as areas designated pursuant to Directives 79/409/EEC and 92/43/EEC.	SA Report Chapter 4 (4.3 – 4.4) Chapter 6 (6.4)

e) The environmental protection, objectives, established at international, Community or national level, which are relevant to the plan or programme and the way those objectives and any environmental, considerations have been taken into account during its preparation	SA Report Chapter 3 (3.1 – 3.6) Chapter 6 (6.4) Appendices Oi & Oii
f) 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. (Footnote: These effects should include secondary, cumulative, synergistic, short, medium and longterm permanent and temporary, positive and negative effects)	SA Report Chapter 7 (7.3, Table 30 - SAD) Chapter 8 (8.3, Table 32 - AAP) Appendices J and K
g) The measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan or programme;	SA Report Chapter 7 (7.3 and Table 30 - SAD) Chapter 8 (8.3 and Table 32 - AAP)
h) An outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with, and a description of how the assessment was undertaken including any difficulties (such as technical deficiencies or lack of know-how) encountered in compiling the required information;	SA Report Chapter 2 (2.1, 2.6) Chapter 4 (4.2) Chapter 6 (6.5 – 6.6, Tables 28 and 29) Appendices H - K
i) a description of measures envisaged concerning monitoring in accordance with Art. 10;	SA Report Chapter 9
j) a non-technical summary of the information provided under the above	Non Technical Summary included

headings	
The report shall include the information that may reasonably be required taking into account current knowledge and methods of assessment, the contents and level of detail in the plan or programme, its stage in the decision-making process and the extent to which certain matters are more appropriately assessed at different levels in that process to avoid duplication of the assessment (Art. 5.2)	SA Report Chapter 3 Chapter 4 Appendices Oi & Oii
Consultation:  Authorities with environmental responsibility, when deciding on the scope and level of detail of the information which must be included in the environmental report (Art. 5.4)	SA Report Chapter 2 (2.3) Consultation on the SA Scoping Report was undertaken at the SAD and AAP Issues and Options Stage in 2013. At the Preferred Option Stage in 2015 the Sustainability Appraisal Matrices (Options Appraisal and Preferred Options) were published alongside the Draft SAD and AAP for public consultation. The final SA Report (March 2016) summarising the outcome of the whole appraisal process has been published alongside the SAD and AAP for the final round of public consultation (Publication).
Authorities with environmental responsibility and the public, shall be given an early and effective opportunity within appropriate time frames to express their opinion on the draft plan or programme and the accompanying environmental report before the adoption of the plan or programme (Art. 6.1, 6.2)	See above
Other EU Member States, where the implementation of the plan or programme is likely to have significant effects on the environment of that country (Art. 7).	Not applicable: See SA Report, Chapter 2 (2.3)
Provision of information on the decision:	Not applicable at this stage:

When the plan or programme is adopted, the public and any	To be addressed after the SAD and AAP are adopted
countries consulted under Art.7 must be informed and the following made available to those so informed:	
$\hfill\Box$ the plan or programme as adopted	
□ a statement summarising how environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan or programme and how the environmental report of Article 5, the opinions expressed pursuant to Article 6 and the results of consultations entered into pursuant to Art. 7 have been taken into account in accordance with Art. 8, and the reasons for choosing the plan or programme as adopted, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with; and	
☐ the measures decided concerning monitoring (Art. 9)	
Monitoring of the significant environmental	Not applicable at this stage:
effects of the plan's or programme's implementation (Art. 10)	To be addressed after the SAD and AAP are adopted.
Quality assurance: environmental reports should be of a sufficient standard to meet the requirements of the SEA  Directive (Art. 12).	This report has been produced in line with current guidance and good practice for SEA/ SA and this table demonstrates that the requirements of the SEA Regulations/ SEA Directive have been met.