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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 AECOM has been commissioned to undertake an independent sustainability appraisal (SA) in support of Rutland County Council's emerging Local Plan.
- 1.1.2 Rutland County Council (RCC) is currently preparing a new Local Plan to replace the existing planning policies in the Rutland Local Development Framework.¹ The new Local Plan, which will cover the period to 2041, will be the key planning policy document for the County and will guide decisions on the use and development of land.

1.2 SA explained

- 1.2.1 SA is undertaken to address the procedures prescribed by the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (the SEA Regulations). It also widens the scope of the assessment from focusing on environmental issues to further consider social and economic issues. SA is a legal requirement for Local Plans.

1.3 SA work to date

- 1.3.1 SA work undertaken to date prior to examination on the Local Plan is summarised in **Part 1** of the Regulation 19 SA Report (Examination document SD3). A summary of the key milestones of the SA process is outlined below.
- Natural England, Historic England, and the Environment Agency were consulted on the **scope of the SA** between **March and April 2022**.
 - An '**Issues and Options**' consultation was undertaken by RCC in **June 2022** under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (England) Regulations 2012 to gain stakeholders' views on a range of planning issues and potential options for plan making. An **Interim SA Report** was prepared to accompany the consultation, assessing a set of high-level options to inform policy development.
 - A second Regulation 18 consultation on the '**Preferred Options Plan**' was undertaken in **November 2023**. An SA Report was prepared to accompany the consultation, assessing reasonable alternatives ('growth strategy options') with a view to understanding the relative sustainability merits of different potential spatial strategies for the Local Plan.
 - In **October 2024**, an **SA Report** was prepared to accompany the **Pre-Submission Local Plan** (Regulation 19 Publication Version) document for subsequent examination, containing the information required in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004. The SA Report was accompanied by the findings of the initial 'Issues and Options' appraisals (Technical Annex 1), a GIS appraisal of the available sites in Rutland (Technical Annex 2), and an

¹ The current Local Development Framework comprises: Minerals Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD (October 2010); the Core Strategy DPD (July 2011); and the Site Allocations and Policies DPD (October 2014)

evaluation of the constraints and opportunities associated with key settlements in Rutland (Technical Annex 3).

- **Examination hearings** on the SA for the Rutland Local Plan were undertaken during **September 2025**. Following the hearings, the Inspector requested that aspects were revisited relating to the SA.
- In response to this, in **December 2025** AECOM prepared an **SA Report Addendum** which presented: an appraisal of omission sites; an assessment of indicative scales of growth; and a revisited assessment of growth strategy options.

1.4 Current stage of plan making / SA

- 1.4.1 As a result of discussions at the hearing sessions and representations received during examination a number of changes are being proposed to the Local Plan. These changes are referred to as Main Modifications and need to be considered through the SA process to determine if they significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
- 1.4.2 In June 2026 an earlier version of the Main Modifications was appraised as part of the SA process. The findings of this appraisal were fed back to the RCC Local Plan team.
- 1.4.3 This version of the SA Report Addendum appraises the latest (July 2026) version of the Main Modifications, reflecting amendments made since June 2026.

1.5 Purpose of this SA Report Addendum

- 1.5.1 The aim of this SA Report Addendum is to present information on the proposed Main Modifications, and alternatives where appropriate, with a view to informing the current consultation and subsequent plan finalisation.
- 1.5.2 This report is known as an SA Report 'Addendum' on the basis that it is an Addendum to the SA Report published in October 2024 [Exam ref: SD3]. This SA Report Addendum is structured as follows:
 - **Chapter 2** - presents the scope of the SA;
 - **Chapter 3** - explains the method and presents the findings of the screening of proposed modifications;
 - **Chapter 4** - explains the method and presents the findings of the appraisal for proposed modifications that were 'screened in'; and
 - **Chapter 5** - sets out the next steps in plan-making and the SA process as well as any changes to previously proposed monitoring measures.

2. What is the scope of the SA?

- 2.1.1 The scope of SA work, with respect to the Rutland Local Plan, is introduced within the Regulation 19 Pre-Submission version of the SA Report published in October 2024. Essentially, the scope is reflected in a list of SA objectives, which collectively provide a methodological ‘framework’ for appraisal. The SA objectives are listed below in **Table 2.1**. It has not been necessary to update the SA framework for the purposes of this appraisal.

Table 2.1: SA Framework for the SA of the Rutland Local Plan

SA objective	Appraisal questions... Will the option / proposal help to:
SA Theme: Biodiversity and Geodiversity	
1. Support the integrity of internationally, nationally, and locally designated sites	a) Protect the integrity of the internationally and nationally designated sites within and within proximity to Rutland? b) Manage pressures on locally designated sites for biodiversity and geodiversity in Rutland?
2. Protect and enhance habitats and species in Rutland	a) Protect and enhance priority habitats, and the habitat of priority species? b) Protect key species during the construction and operational phases of new development areas? c) Protect and enhance ecological networks? d) Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? e) Increase the resilience of Rutland’s biodiversity to the potential effects of climate change?
3. Enhance understanding of biodiversity and geodiversity	a) Support access to, interpretation and understanding of biodiversity and geodiversity? b) Encourage opportunities for engagement with Rutland’s biodiversity and geodiversity resource?
SA Theme: Landscape	
4. Protect and enhance the character and quality of Rutland’s landscapes, townscapes and villagescapes	a) Support the distinctive qualities of the NCAs and LCAs within and surrounding Rutland? b) Protect and enhance key landscape, townscape and villagescape features which contribute to local distinctiveness? c) Protect locally important viewpoints contributing to sense of place and visual amenity? d) Improve understanding of Rutland’s distinctive landscape, townscape and villagescape resources?
5. Contribute to tranquillity and the quality of dark skies	a) Ensure that new infrastructure provision does not adversely impact on the quality of Rutland’s dark skies? b) Minimise the impact on and seek to improve areas of tranquillity?

SA objective **Appraisal questions... Will the option / proposal help to:**

SA Theme: Historic Environment

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| 6. Conserve and enhance Rutland's historic environment, including designated and non-designated heritage assets (and their settings) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Conserve and enhance the significance of buildings and structures of architectural or historic interest, both designated and non-designated, and their setting? b) Conserve and enhance the special interest, character and appearance of conservation areas and their settings? c) Conserve and enhance the special interest, character and appearance of registered parks and gardens, and their settings? d) Conserve and where possible, enhance the wider historic environment, including historic landscapes and their settings? |
| 7. Conserve and enhance Rutland's archaeological resource | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Conserve and enhance archaeological resource, including features listed on the Leicestershire and Rutland HER and their settings? |
| 8. Promote opportunities for enhancing the understanding of Rutland's distinct historic environment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Support access to, interpretation and understanding of the historic evolution and character of the environment? b) Ensure that, where possible, development contributes to improved public understanding of assets and their settings? |
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SA Theme: Air, Land, Soil and Water Resources

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| 9. Deliver improvements in air quality in Rutland | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Reduce emissions of pollutants from transport? b) Promote the use of low emission vehicles? c) Promote enhancements in sustainable modes of transport, including walking, cycling and public transport? d) Promote enhancements to green infrastructure networks to facilitate increased absorption and dissipation of pollutants? |
| 10. Ensure the efficient and effective use of land | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Avoid the loss of the best and most versatile agricultural land? b) Support a brownfield first approach to new development opportunities? c) Support the sustainable remediation of contaminated land? d) Protect the integrity of mineral resources? e) Encourage recycling of materials and minimise consumption of resources during construction, operation, and maintenance of new infrastructure? |
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SA objective	Appraisal questions... Will the option / proposal help to:
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| 11. Manage Rutland's water resources in a sustainable manner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Environment regulations? b) Ensure that appropriate drainage infrastructure is available to serve new development areas? c) Reduce pressures on wastewater treatment works and the capacity of the existing networks? d) Help to minimise diffuse surface water pollution? e) Protect surface water and groundwater resources? f) Minimise water consumption? |
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SA Theme: Climate Change

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| 12. Reduce the contribution to climate change made by activities within Rutland | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Promote the use of sustainable modes of transport, including walking, cycling and public transport? b) Increase the number of new developments meeting or exceeding sustainable design criteria? c) Generate energy from low or zero carbon sources? d) Reduce energy consumption from non-renewable resources? |
| 13. Support Rutland's resilience to the potential effects of climate change, including flooding | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Ensure that inappropriate development does not take place in areas at higher risk of flooding, taking into account the likely future effects of climate change? b) Improve and extend green infrastructure networks to support adaptation to the potential effects of climate change? c) Sustainably manage water run-off, reducing surface water runoff? d) Ensure the potential risks associated with climate change are considered through new development areas? |
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SA Theme: Communities, Health and Wellbeing

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| 14. Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Support the timely delivery of an appropriate mix of housing types and tenures? b) Ensure delivery of high-quality, affordable and specialist housing that meets the needs of all Rutland's residents? c) Provide quality and flexible homes that meet people's needs? d) Promote the use of sustainable building techniques, including use of sustainable building materials in construction? e) Provide housing in sustainable locations that allow easy access to a range of local services and facilities? |
| 15. Delivery of infrastructure to meet the | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Meet the needs of a growing population? b) Meet the needs of those living in rural areas? |
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SA objective	Appraisal questions... Will the option / proposal help to:
foreseeable needs of the varied communities of Rutland	c) Address the needs of all age groups and communities in Rutland (including residents with protected characteristics)? d) Maintain or enhance the quality of life of all residents?
16. Support the quality of neighbourhoods as a place to live	a) Help remove barriers to activities and reduce social isolation? b) Enhance community infrastructure? c) Support the energy efficiency of new and existing development, including in reducing fuel poverty?
17. Improve the health and well-being of Rutland's residents	a) Reduce the impacts of pollution on health? b) Reduce health inequalities? c) Enhance the provision of, and access to, open spaces and green and blue infrastructure provision in Rutland? d) Improve access to the countryside for recreation? e) Encourage healthy lifestyles and active travel modes, including walking and cycling?
SA Theme: Transportation	
18. Promote sustainable transport use, encourage accessibility, and reduce the need to travel	a) Support the key objectives within the local transport plan and encourage more sustainable transport options? b) Improve access to and quality of sustainable transport modes for all communities to encourage modal shift? c) Promote improved local connectivity and pedestrian and cyclist movement? d) Reduce the number of journeys made and the need to travel? e) Improve accessibility to services, facilities, and amenities? f) Reduce the impact on residents and the built environment from the road network?
SA Theme: Economic Vitality	
19. Support sustainable economic development in Rutland	a) Meet local employment land requirements? b) Support traditional and emerging sectors of Rutland's economy? c) Improve internet connectivity to support the digital economy and facilitate flexible working practices? d) Enhance the vitality of Rutland's local centres? e) Support rural diversification? f) Improve accessibility to employment opportunities? g) Enhance training and educational opportunities?

3. Screening of the Main Modifications

3.1 Introduction

- 3.1.1 The Council is proposing a number of Main Modifications to the submitted Local Plan as a result of the examination hearing sessions and representations received. It is necessary to screen the Main Modifications to determine if they significantly affect the findings of the Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) version of the SA Report [Exam ref: SD3] and if further appraisal work is therefore required.

3.2 Method

- 3.2.1 All of the proposed Main Modifications were screened to determine if further SA work was required or they could be screened out from detailed appraisal. The findings of the screening, including the rationale for why a Main Modification has been screened in or out, are provided in **Table 3.1**. This has engaged an approach which considered each modification against the SA Framework (Table 2.1) in terms of whether it is likely to give rise to significant effects.
- 3.2.2 The screening conclusions have been informed by the Regulation 19 SA Report, the associated technical annexes and subsequent SA work. The majority of modifications involve minor edits to the Plan text for clarification or factual correction and have therefore been screened out as not being significant in terms of requiring further exploration through the IIA (i.e. they would be inherently unlikely to give rise to significant effects).
- 3.2.3 Where modifications are identified as potentially giving rise to significant negative effects, then additional appraisal work has been undertaken. Where modifications strengthen existing policy requirements, and are likely to lead to positive effects which do not fundamentally change earlier appraisal findings, these have been highlighted in the screening outputs but not undergone detailed assessment.

3.3 Screening findings

- 3.3.1 **Table 3.1** below summarises the Main Modifications undertaken since submission and indicates which ones have been screened in or out for the purposes of SA. It also presents an overview of the rationale for the decision taken.

Table 3.1: Screening the Main Modifications for the purposes of SA

Main mod	Focus (changes in relation to...)	Screened in?	Rationale
MM1	Paragraph to reference the requirement for early review of the Local Plan.	No	Modification provides additional context for new plan and does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM2	Insertion of new key diagram.	No	Modification provides additional clarification. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM3	Insertion of text on when a waste management statement should be sought.	No	Modification provides additional clarification as well as strengthens the policy in relation to waste management. Whilst it reinforces the positive sustainability outcomes of the policy, it does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM4	Clarification of context of Policy CC2 and how the policy will operate.	No	Modification provides additional clarification as well as strengthens the policy in relation to design principles for energy efficient buildings. Whilst it reinforces the positive sustainability outcomes of the policy relating to the Climate Change SA theme, it does not significantly affect the overall findings of the previous SA work.
MM5	Clarification of intended scope of Policy CC4.	No	Modification provides additional clarification. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM6	Modification of text to clarify requirements for Energy Statements.	No	Modification provides additional clarification. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM7	Amendment of Policy CC6 for clarity.	No	Modification provides additional clarification. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM8	Clarification of the scope of application for CC7.	No	Modification provides additional clarification. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM9	Amendment of Policy CC8 and supporting text for clarity.	No	Whilst the policy removes criteria relating to the best and most versatile land for solar based energy proposals, this is not likely to be significant given national provisions and the limited permanent irreversible impact of solar energy on the productivity of such land. As such, it does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM10	Addition of text to Policy CC11 to explain the application of the requirement for management plans relating to carbon sinks.	No	Modification provides additional clarification. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.

Main mod	Focus (changes in relation to...)	Screened in?	Rationale
MM11	Alignment of Policy CC13 (Electric Vehicle Charging and Electric Bike Parking) with Council's parking standards.	No	Modification seeks to ensure clarity and consistency. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM12	Amending of Policy CC14 to add references to Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) and include further criterion relating to surface water run-off.	No	Modification strengthens the policy, recognising the importance of surface water runoff, which will have enhanced indirect positive effects for SA themes relating to climate change. However, it does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM13	Amending of text of Policy SS1 for clarity and to set out the correct terminology.	No	Modification provides additional clarifications, including relating to an employment land requirement of 26ha. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work given this is a clarification of anticipated growth levels.
MM14	Amendments of Policy SS2 for clarity and soundness.	No	Whilst the modification reworks provisions for development within Planned Limits of Development it provides additional clarification and context. Whilst it strengthens the policy provisions for such development from a heritage and landscape perspective, it does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work overall.
MM15	Deletion of provision where very small-scale development at settlement boundaries should demonstrate clear evidence of substantial support from the local community.	Yes	Substantive updates to the policy which should be appraised in more detail.
MM16	Deletion of footnote to Policy SS3 which removes criteria for demonstrating clear evidence of substantial support from the local community for very small-scale development at settlement boundaries.	Yes	Substantive updates to the policy which should be appraised in more detail.
MM17	Amendment of para 5.29 to reflect changes made to Policy CC3.	No	Modification designed to improve consistency. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM18	Deletion of para 5.31 which removes criteria for demonstrating evidence of substantial support from the local community for edge of settlement development.	Yes	Substantive updates to the policy which should be appraised in more detail.

Main mod	Focus (changes in relation to...)	Screened in?	Rationale
MM19 and MM20	Deletion of Policy SS4 and all of paras 5.32 to 5.35 relating to Future Opportunity Areas. Changes in supporting text for SS4 relating to St George's Barracks and Woolfox. The new text stipulates that an early review of the Local Plan will involve an appraisal of the suitability of these sites and other options.	No	Policy SS4 sets out provisions for potential future larger scale development through Future Opportunity Areas (FOAs). Whilst text relating to the specifications of these FOAs is removed, the modifications do not change the overall aim of the policy – they instead provide additional clarification as to future approach relating to early review of Local Plan. As such the modifications do not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work. It should also be noted that the FOAs were considered through earlier iterations of the SA as strategic growth opportunities; this element was therefore considered earlier in the SA process; this screening finding does not alter previous conclusions.
MM21	Amendments to supporting text for Policy SS5 to reflect modifications to SS4.	No	Modification designed to improve consistency. It does not on its own significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM22	Amendments to Policy SS6 to clarify that that large complex sites cannot normally be redeveloped through a standard planning application alone.	No	Modification provides additional clarification. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM23	Amendments to section heading and wording of Policy SS7 for clarity.	No	Modification provides additional clarification. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM24	Amendments of the wording of Policy SS8 to include reference to community facilities.	No	Modification provides additional clarification. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM25	Changes in terminology in Policy H1.	No	Modification provides additional clarification. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM26	Amendments of text to reflect modifications to Policy H1.	No	Modification designed to improve consistency. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM27	Deletion of Table 3 in Policy H1 to prevent duplication.	No	Modification prevents duplication.
MM28	Clarification of figure for Uppingham in Policy H1.	No	Modification provides additional clarification. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM29	Amendments to supporting text for Policy H1 to set out Council's latest position on housing land supply.	No	Modification sets out the Council's latest position. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.

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MM30	Updates of text for paragraph 6.9 relating to the role of neighbourhood plans.	No	Modification is designed to improve the effectiveness of the plan. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM31 to MM34	Amendments to wording consistency across the various allocation to policies (Policies H1.1 to H1.4).	No	Modifications are designed to improve consistency. They do not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM35	Amendments to Policy H2 to ensure consistency with Statement of Common Ground with Historic England.	No	Modification designed to improve consistency. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM36	Updates to wording in Policy H4.	No	Modification is designed to improve effectiveness of the policy. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM37	Modification to Policy H5 to seek mobility scooter parking and storage for M4(3) dwellings only.	No	Modification is designed to improve effectiveness of the policy. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM38	Modification to Policy H7 in relation to Extra Care housing.	No	Modification is designed to improve effectiveness of the policy. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM39	Additional clarifications in Policy H7 relating to tenure mix.	No	Modification provides additional clarification. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM40	Updates to terminology of settlements to support soundness.	No	Modification is designed to improve terminology. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM41	Expansion and subdivision of Policy H11 to support effectiveness and clarity.	No	Modification is designed to improve effectiveness and clarity of the policy. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM42	Amendment of Policies H10.1 to H10.4 to enhance effectiveness and clarity.	No	Modification is designed to improve effectiveness and clarity of the policy. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM43	Amendments of Policy H10 to enhance clarity and reflect changes to the definition of Travellers in national policy.	No	Modification is designed to improve effectiveness and clarity of the policy. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM44	Updates to Para 7.7. to reflect other changes made to Policy SS4.	No	Modification designed to improve consistency. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.

Main mod	Focus (changes in relation to...)	Screened in?	Rationale
MM45	Amendments to Policy E1 to reflect recent planning permission, alignment with Use Class Order and removal of sites to reflect neighbourhood plan allocations and residential planning permission.	No	Modification reflects updated evidence and provides additional clarification and does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM46	Modification to redefine employment generating uses in the text and the glossary.	No	Modification is designed to improve clarity of the policy. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM47	Modification to Policy E1 to improve clarity, remove ambiguity, and ensure stronger, more consistent protection of allocated employment land by requiring all tests to be met rather than allowing partial compliance.	No	Modifications are designed to strengthen the policy further. Whilst these updates will bring additional positive effects, they do not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM48	Strengthening of wording of Policy E1 to further prevent loss of employment land.	No	The modification strengthens the policy. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM49	Amendment of Policy E1.1 for clarity and consistency.	No	Modification designed to improve clarity and consistency. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM50	Deletion of Policy E1.2 Uppingham Gate as site is now allocated in Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan.	No	Site is allocated elsewhere so taken out of Local Plan.
MM51	Deletion of Policy E1.3 Burley Appliances as site now has planning permission.	No	Site has planning permission and no longer taken forward through Local Plan.
MM52	Modification of Policy E1.4 so that it includes B2 employment uses, is worded consistently with other policies and includes expectation for proposed developments to be additionally accompanied by a heritage impact assessment.	No	Modification designed to improve clarity and consistency. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM53	Amendments to Policy E1.5 to change use/area/access for Woolfox Depot, criterion c) in accordance with granted permission.	No	Modification designed to improve clarity and consistency. Given it reflects existing planning permission, it does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM54	Amendments to Policy E1.6 to ensure consistency of phrasing.	No	Modification designed to improve clarity consistency. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.

Main mod	Focus (changes in relation to...)	Screened in?	Rationale
MM55	Addition of LP allocation in Policy E1 at Land West of Bosal Way, Barleythorpe (1.8ha) as an employment allocation and updates to E1 to provide development principles for the new allocation in line with the provisions made for other allocation policies in the Plan.	Yes	New allocation.
MM56	Insertion of text into E2 to improve clarity for applicants and decision-makers relating to the definition of employment uses.	No	Modification designed to improve clarity. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM57	Addition to supporting text of E2 to provide additional context.	No	Modification designed to improve clarity. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM58	Updates to the heading of Policy E3 to reflect subsequent text and policies.	No	Modification designed to improve consistency. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM59	Addition to supporting text of E3 to provide additional context.	No	Modification designed to improve clarity. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM60	Insertion of additional supporting text for E3 to clarify the definition of employment development.	No	Modification designed to improve clarity. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM61	Removal of text from Policy E3 to improve clarity and remove subjective terminology.	No	Modification designed to improve clarity and effectiveness. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM62	Amendments to Policy E9 to apply policy at all sites in the county.	No	Whilst the policy extends the locations to other locations in the county, including Rutland Water Area and the Eyebrook Reservoir area, the criteria for these locations (including through other policies) will be broadly similar to as previously applied. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM63	Addition of reference to the Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan retail convenience allocation to ensure the Plan accurately reflects adopted neighbourhood planning policy.	No	Modification designed to improve consistency. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM64	Amendments of supporting text to refer to Uppingham and Oakham.	No	Modification designed to improve consistency across the Local Plan. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM65	Updates to Policy SC3 to provide additional flexibility.	No	Modification does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.

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MM66	Addition of text in Policy SC5 for clarity.	No	Modification designed to improve clarity. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM67	Amendment of text in Policy SC6 for clarity.	No	Modification designed to improve clarity. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM68	Amendment of supporting text for Policy SC6 for clarity.	No	Modification designed to improve clarity. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM69	Amendment of text in Policy SC7 for clarity.	No	Modification designed to improve clarity. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM70	Relocation of requirements relating to Biodiversity Net Gain from Policy EN2 to EN3.	No	Modification reconfigures text and is designed to improve clarity. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM71	Additional relocation of requirements relating to Biodiversity Net Gain from Policy EN2 to EN3.	No	Modification reconfigures text and is designed to improve clarity. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM72	Amend wording of second paragraph of the section headed 'Management and Maintenance' of policy EN4 to support flexibility.	No	Modification does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM73	Amendment of criterion of Policy EN6 to ensure consistency with national policy.	No	Modification designed to improve consistency. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work. Whilst the policy removes criteria relating to Grade 1 and 2 agricultural land for solar PV, this is not likely to be significant given national policy provisions and the limited permanent irreversible impact of solar energy on the productivity of such land. As such, it does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM74	Amendment of support text of Policy EN6 for clarity.	No	Modification designed to improve clarity. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM75	Restructuring of Policy EN10 and supporting text revised to support the Rutland Water Area designation.	No	The modification strengthens the policy but does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM76	Deletion of last sentence of Policy EN11 to accord with the presumption in favour of sustainable development.	No	Modification designed to improve consistency. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM77	New wording for Policy EN12 to add clarity on enabling development relating to heritage assets.	No	Modification designed to improve clarity. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.

Main mod	Focus (changes in relation to...)	Screened in?	Rationale
MM78	Amendment of text of Policy MIN1 to better align with Policy MIN4, to ensure consistency in wording.	No	Modification reconfigures text and is designed to improve clarity and consistency. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM79	Amendment of text of MIN2 to better align with national policy on land banks for crushed rocks and cement materials.	No	Modification reconfigures text and is designed to improve clarity and consistency. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM80	Amendment of text of Policy MIN4 to better align with Policy MIN1.	No	Modification reconfigures text and is designed to improve clarity and consistency. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM81	Change of the title of Policy MIN5 and the use of the M1 Hooby Lane allocation in Policy MIN5 from building stone extraction to include crushed limestone extraction. Addition of LP allocation M2 Hooby Lane North, Stretton as a crushed rock and building stone allocation.	Yes	New allocation.
MM82	Amendment of Policy MIN10 section b) for clarity.	No	Modification designed to improve clarity. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM83	Amendment of Policy INF2 for clarity on when a new travel plan will be required.	No	Modification designed to improve clarity. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM84	Amendment of Policy INF3 for clarity on parking standards.	No	Modification designed to improve clarity. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM85	New paragraph in INF4.1 for clarity and to help facilitate delivery of a new medical centre.	No	The modification strengthens the policy but does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM86	Updates to Figure 11 and Table 6 to replace previous data to provide more up to date and clearer information on housing land supply.	No	Modification designed to improve clarity and data. It does not significantly affect the findings of the previous SA work.
MM87- MM98	Introduce a number of amendments to the Local Plan Monitoring and Review Framework.	No	Given the modifications relate to the proposed Local Plan Monitoring and Review Framework, and not to the Local Plan policies, modifications do not affect the findings of the previous SA work
MM99- MM100	Updates to glossary.	No	Modifications do not affect the findings of the previous SA work.

- 3.3.2 The Main Modifications identified in the table above as being screened in (**MM15**, **MM16**, **MM18**, **MM55** and **MM81**) are carried forward for further consideration through the SA process in the following chapter.

4. Appraisal of Main Modifications

4.1 Introduction

- 4.1.1 This chapter presents an appraisal of the ‘screened in’ proposed modifications (see **Table 3.1**). Consideration is also given to the effects of ‘the submitted plan plus proposed modifications’.

4.2 Methodology

- 4.2.1 The appraisal identifies and evaluates ‘likely significant effects’ of certain proposed modifications on the baseline, drawing on the SA themes/objectives identified through scoping (see **Table 2.1**) as a methodological framework. To reiterate, the SA themes are as follows:
- Biodiversity and Geodiversity.
 - Landscape.
 - Historic Environment.
 - Air, Land, Soil and Water Resources.
 - Climate Change.
 - Communities, Health and Wellbeing.
 - Transportation; and
 - Economic Vitality.
- 4.2.2 The focus of the appraisal is on the proposed Main Modifications (given that it is the proposed modifications that are currently the focus of consultation); however, explicit consideration is also given to the effects of the Rutland Local Plan as modified (i.e. the cumulative effects of the proposed modifications and the rest of the Local Plan as submitted).
- 4.2.3 The Main Modifications are accompanied by a number of Additional Modifications. Given these comprise minor amendments that do not impact the core Local Plan policies, including correcting typographical errors, factual updates, and minor text clarifications, these do not affect the findings of the SA.
- 4.2.4 Every effort is made to predict effects accurately; however, this is inherently challenging given the high-level nature of the policy approaches under consideration, and understanding of the baseline. Given uncertainties there is inevitably a need to make assumptions, e.g. in relation to the nature of plan implementation and aspects of the baseline that might be impacted.
- 4.2.5 The aim is to strike a balance between comprehensiveness and conciseness/accessibility to the non-specialist. In many instances, given reasonable assumptions, it is not possible to predict significant effects, but it is possible to comment on effects in more general terms.
- 4.2.6 It is important to note that effects are predicted taking account of the criteria presented within Schedule 1 of the SEA Regulations. So, for example, account is taken of the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of effects as appropriate. Cumulative effects are also considered, i.e. effects

that become apparent once the effects of the Local Plan are considered in a wider context.

4.3 Appraisal of the Main Modifications

- 4.3.1 The following sections present an appraisal of the Main Modifications which have been screened in (Table 3.1) as requiring closer examination through the SA process.

Main Modifications MM15, MM16 and MM18

- 4.3.2 Modification MM15 deletes the provision within Policy SS3 where very small-scale development at settlement boundaries should demonstrate clear evidence of substantial support from the local community
- 4.3.3 Modification MM16 deletes the footnote to Policy SS3 (Small scale development on the edge of settlements), removing the criteria which stipulates that proposals for very small-scale development on the edge of settlements must demonstrate clear evidence of substantial support from the local community.
- 4.3.4 Modification MM18 deletes paragraph 5.31, which includes a similar provision for development proposals on the edge of a settlement.
- 4.3.5 Given these Main Modifications remove similar provisions, they have been considered together for the purposes of the appraisal.

Table 4.1: Appraisal of Main Modifications MM15, MM16 and MM18

SA theme	Are the modifications alone likely to have a significant effect?	Do the modifications affect the conclusion of the SA for the Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) version of the Local Plan?
Biodiversity and Geodiversity	The modifications are unlikely to have significant direct effects on biodiversity and geodiversity given these aspects will continue to be considered through the planning application process.	No, as factors relating to this SA theme will continue to be considered through the planning process, including in association with the Local Plan policies.
Landscape	The modifications are unlikely to have significant direct effects on landscape character given these aspects will continue to be considered through the planning application process.	No, as factors relating to this SA theme will continue to be considered through the planning process, including in association with the Local Plan policies.
Historic Environment	The modifications are unlikely to have significant direct effects on the historic environment, (including the fabric and setting of heritage assets and areas) given these aspects will continue to be considered through the planning application process.	No, as factors relating to this SA theme will continue to be considered through the planning process, including in association with the Local Plan policies.
Air, Land, Soil and Water	The modifications are unlikely to have significant direct effects on air, soil and water quality and availability given these aspects will continue to be considered through the planning application process.	No, as factors relating to this SA theme will continue to be considered through the planning process, including in association with the Local Plan policies.

SA theme	Are the modifications alone likely to have a significant effect?	Do the modifications affect the conclusion of the SA for the Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) version of the Local Plan?
Climate Change	The modifications are unlikely to have significant direct effects on climate change mitigation and adaptation given these aspects will continue to be considered through the planning application process.	No, as factors relating to this SA theme will continue to be considered through the planning process, including in association with the Local Plan policies.
Communities, Health and Wellbeing	Whilst national provisions relating to community engagement associated with the NPPF will continue to apply, the modifications have the potential to undermine the role of community engagement in decision making relating to development at the edge of settlements. From a positive perspective, the modifications have the potential to more effectively deliver additional (small scale) housing provision, with the potential to support the meeting of needs locally.	Whilst the modification does affect community engagement, the current conclusions presented in the pre-submission (Regulation 19) version of the Local Plan are not affected. This is given the overall impacts and benefits relating to community wellbeing discussed in the SA Report remain the same.
Transportation	The modifications are unlikely to have significant direct effects on transport and accessibility given these aspects will continue to be considered through the planning application process.	No, as factors relating to this SA theme will continue to be considered through the planning process, including in association with the Local Plan policies.
Economic Vitality	The modifications have the potential to facilitate the additional (small scale) delivery of housing and employment land in some locations. This may support economic vitality and viability locally.	The overall impacts and benefits relating to economic vitality discussed in the SA Report accompanying the pre-submission (Regulation 19) version of the Local Plan remain the same.

- 4.4 In summary, Main Modifications MM16 and MM18 are not likely to have a significant effect alone nor do they significantly affect the findings or conclusions of the SA for the Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) version of the Local Plan against the SA themes.
- 4.5 Whilst the modifications may affect community engagement and may have impacts on the delivery of small-scale development at the edge of settlements, the current conclusions presented in SA for the Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) version of the Local Plan are not affected. This is given the overall balance of considerations underpinning the previous conclusions relating to the Communities, Health and Wellbeing and Economic Vitality SA themes previously discussed in the SA Report are unaffected by the modifications.
- 4.6 In addition, in relation to the other SA themes, the modifications are unlikely to have significant direct effects on localised environmental impacts given these aspects will continue to be considered through the planning process, including in association with the Local Plan policies.

Main Modification MM55

- 4.6.1 Main Modification MM55 comprises the addition of a new allocation within Policy E1. This allocates 1.8ha of land at Land West of Bosal Way, Barleythorpe as employment land to the south of the existing allocation. It also updates Policy E1 to provide development principles for the new allocation in line with the provisions made through other Local Plan policies.

Table 4.2: Appraisal of Main Modification MM55

SA theme	Is the modification alone likely to have a significant effect?	Does the modification affect the conclusion of the SA for the Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) version of the Local Plan?
Biodiversity and Geodiversity	The allocation is not located in an area sensitive for biodiversity or geodiversity. It is not located in an SSSI Impact Risk Zone for the type of development allocated and is not in proximity to locally designated biodiversity sites. The policy wording seeks to retain and protect existing trees and hedgerows, including those protected by Tree Preservation Order 2020/0002/TPO, and ensure development is designed and constructed in accordance with BS5837, avoiding incursion into Root Protection Areas. It also seeks to protect and enhance biodiversity through the retention and enhancement of existing habitats and the incorporation of appropriate ecological enhancement measures, and development is to be informed by an Ecological Assessment. In this respect no significant negative effects on are anticipated.	The overall level of growth and the spatial distribution across the county have not changed during the plan period as a result of the allocation. This modification therefore does not significantly affect the findings of the SA for this SA theme.
Landscape	The allocation is not located in an area of significant landscape sensitivity given its location and the site forming an extension of existing employment land. The policy wording seeks to ensure the layout, scale, form and design of development respects the character of the surrounding area and minimises impacts on visual and residential amenity. It also seeks to ensure development protects existing trees and hedgerows, incorporates measures to minimise noise, disturbance and light spill and is informed by a Noise Impact Assessment and Lighting Strategy. In this respect no significant negative effects on landscape character are anticipated.	The overall level of growth and the spatial distribution across the county have not changed during the plan period as a result of the allocation. This modification therefore does not significantly affect the findings of the SA for this SA theme.
Historic Environment	The site is not in a location sensitive for the historic environment. It is not in the setting of listed buildings or a conservation area. In terms of potential archaeological resources, the policy wording seeks to ensure that an Archaeological Assessment is undertaken prior to development. No significant negative effects on the historic environment are therefore anticipated.	The overall level of growth and the spatial distribution across the county have not changed during the plan period as a result of the allocation. As a result, this modification does not significantly affect the findings of the SA for this SA theme.

SA theme	Is the modification alone likely to have a significant effect?	Does the modification affect the conclusion of the SA for the Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) version of the Local Plan?
Air, Land, Soil and Water	Although not used as agricultural land, according to the Predictive Agricultural Land Classification Map for England ² , the land comprises a mixture of Grade 2 agricultural land and urban. The policy wording for the allocation seeks appropriate provision for surface water management, incorporating sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) in accordance with the drainage hierarchy and seeks to ensure that development takes account of existing water and wastewater infrastructure within and adjacent to the site. It also seeks to implement drainage strategies and ground investigation reports. This will support soil and water quality. In terms of air quality, development will be required to be accompanied by a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan and pedestrian and cycle connectivity. This will support air quality.	The overall level of growth and the spatial distribution across the county have not changed during the plan period as a result of the allocation. This modification therefore does not significantly affect the findings of the SA for this SA theme, (although the allocation has the potential to lead to the loss of an area of currently unused Grade 2 agricultural land).
Climate Change	In terms of climate change mitigation, the site is located in Oakham, which is the most accessible location in the county by sustainable modes of transport. This will lead to positive effects in relation to this theme. Development will be required to be accompanied by a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan and pedestrian and cycle connectivity. This will support a limitation of emissions from transport. In terms of climate change adaptation, the site is not within Flood Zone 2 or 3. However policy provisions for the allocation seek to ensure that appropriate provision for surface water management, incorporating sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) in accordance with the drainage hierarchy, is implemented, and development takes account of existing water and wastewater infrastructure within and adjacent to the site. It also seeks to ensure that a flood risk assessment and drainage strategies accompany new development. Accompanied by on site measures to retain and enhance existing habitats, and the incorporation of appropriate ecological enhancement measures, this will support climate change adaptation.	The overall level of growth and the spatial distribution across the county have not changed during the plan period as a result of the allocation. As a result, this modification does not significantly affect the findings of the SA for this SA theme.
Communities, Health and Wellbeing	The provision of additional employment land at this location will support job and training opportunities in Oakham. This will lead to positive effects relating to this SA theme. The policy provisions for the allocation seek to minimise noise, disturbance and light spill and initiate other aspects which will support the quality of the built environment and the local neighbourhood.	The overall level of growth and the spatial distribution across the county have not changed during the plan period as a result of the allocation. As a result, this modification does not significantly affect the findings of the SA for this SA theme.

² [Predictive Agricultural Land Classification Map for England - National Data Library](#)

SA theme	Is the modification alone likely to have a significant effect?	Does the modification affect the conclusion of the SA for the Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) version of the Local Plan?
Transportation	The site is located in Oakham, which is the most accessible location in the county by public transport. Development will be required to be accompanied by a Transport Assessment and Travel Plan and enhanced pedestrian and cycle connectivity. This will support the use of alternative modes of transport to the private car.	The overall level of growth and the spatial distribution across the county have not changed during the plan period as a result of the allocation. As a result, this modification does not significantly affect the findings of the SA for this SA theme.
Economic Vitality	The allocation seeks to deliver high-quality employment floorspace suitable for a mix of uses including Class E(g)ii, B2 and B8. The provision of additional employment land at this location will economic vitality and support job and training opportunities in Oakham. This will lead to positive effects relating to this SA theme.	The overall level of growth and the spatial distribution across the county have not changed during the plan period as a result of the allocation. As a result, this modification does not significantly affect the findings of the SA for this SA theme.

- 4.7 In summary, Main Modification MM55 is not likely to have a significant effect alone nor does it significantly affect the findings or conclusions of the SA for the Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) version of the Local Plan.

Main Modification MM81

- 4.7.1 Main Modification MM81 comprises the addition of a new minerals allocation through Policy MIN5. It allocates M2 Hooby Lane North, Stretton, which is an additional parcel of land located adjacent to the south east of the existing allocation at New Road, Hooby Lane (M1). The allocation, which is a greenfield site of 9.4364 ha in size, is for crushed rock and building stone.

Table 4.2: Appraisal of Main Modification MM81

SA theme	Is the modification alone likely to have a significant effect?	Does the modification affect the conclusion of the SA for the Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) version of the Local Plan?
Biodiversity and Geodiversity	The allocation is within an SSSI Impact Risk Zone (IRZ) for “planning applications for quarries, including new proposals”. This is associated with the presence of the Greetham Meadows SSSI located c.600m to the south, which is currently in a ‘favourable’ condition. SSSI IRZs are a GIS tool developed by Natural England to make a rapid initial assessment of the potential risks to terrestrial SSIs posed by development proposals. They define zones around each SSSI which reflect the sensitivities of the features for which the site is notified and indicate the types of development proposal which could potentially have adverse impacts and need further consideration. As such Rutland will have a duty to consult Natural England before granting planning permission on the site. The site is not located in immediate proximity to locally designated biodiversity sites; the site is 200m from Hooby Lane verge near Greetham Local Wildlife Site. An area of deciduous woodland priority habitat is located across Hooby Lane from the site. Whilst no direct loss of priority habitat at this location is anticipated as a result of the allocation, the proximity of the site to the habitat raises the possibility of disturbance from aspects associated with minerals extraction such as soil excavation and movement, altered environmental conditions and modified hydrological processes. The other policies of the Local Plan help limit potential impacts of the allocation on biodiversity assets. For example, Policy MIN4 - Development criteria for mineral extraction sets out that a site-specific management plan should be developed to ensure the implementation and maintenance of such measures throughout construction, operation, decommissioning and restoration works, and Policies EN1-EN5 set out a range of provisions relating to biodiversity and trees, woodlands and hedgerows.	The allocation of the site has some potential to have additional significant effects on the Greetham Meadows SSSI and nearby deciduous woodland priority habitat without appropriate mitigation measures. In this respect the other policies of the Local Plan, including those associated with biodiversity will help avoid and mitigate potential impacts. However, these additional potential impacts should be highlighted.

SA theme	Is the modification alone likely to have a significant effect?	Does the modification affect the conclusion of the SA for the Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) version of the Local Plan?
Landscape	The allocation is not located in an area of significant landscape sensitivity. However, the use of this area of greenfield land will have some landscape impacts. The other policies of the Local Plan will help limit potential impacts of the allocation on landscape character. For example, Policy MIN4 - Development criteria for mineral extraction sets out that a site-specific management plan should be developed to ensure the implementation and maintenance of appropriate measures throughout construction, operation, decommissioning and restoration works. It should also be noted that the allocation is for crushed rock and building stone, which will provide a supply of material that will support conservation of the historic environment and help maintain local distinctiveness in Rutland. This will support landscape character across the county.	The allocation of the site will have some impacts on landscape character in the immediate area. However the additional allocation of a site for crushed rock and building stone, which will provide a supply of material that will support maintain local distinctiveness in Rutland, will support landscape character.
Historic Environment	The site is not in a location sensitive for the historic environment. It is not in the setting of listed buildings or a conservation area, and no scheduled monuments are present at the location. No significant negative effects on the historic environment are therefore anticipated. It should also be noted that the allocation is for crushed rock and building stone, which will provide a supply of material which will support the conservation of the historic environment and help maintain local distinctiveness in Rutland.	Given the lack of heritage assets in the vicinity of the allocated site, this modification does not significantly affect the findings of the SA for this SA theme.
Air, Land, Soil and Water	According to the Predictive Agricultural Land Classification Map for England³, the land comprises of Grade 3b agricultural land. This is not land classified as the best and most versatile agricultural land. The site has a direct overlap with a groundwater Source Protection Zone 3. Whilst the allocation of the site for crushed rock and building stone has the potential to have impacts on air, soil and water quality locally, appropriate mitigation and avoidance measures would be required as a condition of planning permission, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Plan policies and national policy. For example, Policy MIN4 - Development criteria for mineral extraction sets out that a site-specific management plan should be developed to ensure the implementation and maintenance of environmental mitigation measures throughout construction, operation, decommissioning and restoration works.	Whilst the allocation of the site for crushed rock and building stone has the potential to have impacts on air, soil and water quality, appropriate mitigation and avoidance measures would be required as a condition of planning permission, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Plan policies and national policy provisions. This modification does not significantly affect the findings of the SA for this SA theme therefore.

³ [Predictive Agricultural Land Classification Map for England - National Data Library](#)

SA theme	Is the modification alone likely to have a significant effect?	Does the modification affect the conclusion of the SA for the Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) version of the Local Plan?
Climate Change	In terms of climate change mitigation, additional minerals activities may contribute to some additional greenhouse gas emissions. This is though likely to be of negligible significance from a regional and national perspective. In terms of climate change adaptation, the site is not located within a Flood Zone 2 or 3.	The modification does not significantly affect the findings of the SA for this SA theme.
Communities, Health and Wellbeing	The allocation of a further minerals site at this location will support further employment opportunities. This will lead to positive effects relating to this SA theme. The site is not located adjacent to local settlements and is likely to have limited additional direct impacts on local communities such as Cottesmore, Greetham or Stretton.	The modification does not significantly affect the findings of the SA for this SA theme.
Transportation	The site is unlikely to have significant effects relating to this theme, although some additional traffic flows from minerals-related activities will arise.	The modification does not significantly affect the findings of the SA for this SA theme.
Economic Vitality	The allocation of a further minerals site at this location will support economic vitality and employment opportunities. This includes in association with employment in the heritage sector, given the allocation is for crushed rock and building stone, which will provide a supply of material that will support the conservation of the historic environment.	The modification does not significantly affect the findings of the SA for this SA theme.

In summary, Main Modification MM81 has the potential to have **significant additional effects relating to the Biodiversity and Geodiversity theme**. This is given the proximity of the site to the Greetham Meadows SSSI, and its presence within an SSSI Impact Risk Zone for the type of development that would take place as a result of the allocation. The site is also located close to an area of deciduous woodland priority habitat. Potential significant impacts are though likely to be limited by the other policies of the Local Plan, including associated with biodiversity and woodland (Policies EN1-5) and MIN4, which encourages a site-specific management plan. In addition, national policy provisions relating to minerals extraction would apply.

In terms of the other SA themes, the modification is not likely to have a significant effect alone nor does it significantly affect the findings or conclusions of the SA for the Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) version of the Local Plan.

5. Next steps

5.1 Plan finalisation

- 5.1.1 Following the current consultation, the Inspector will consider all representations received, before deciding whether to report on the Plan's soundness, or resume examination hearings.
- 5.1.2 Assuming that the Inspector is ultimately able to find the Plan 'sound', it will then be adopted by the Council. At the time of adoption an 'SA Adoption Statement' will be published in accordance with the provisions of Part 4 of the SEA Regulations.

5.2 Monitoring

- 5.2.1 The SA Report [Exam ref: SD3] published alongside the pre-submission (Regulation 19) version of the Local Plan sets out a range of 'proposed monitoring measures' in Chapter 9.
- 5.2.2 The work carried out in relation to the proposed modifications does not necessitate any significant amendments to the proposed measures at this stage. A final list of monitoring measures will be presented within the SA Adoption Statement produced once the Local Plan is adopted.

