



## **EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ACT 1972**

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#### **NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL SITES AND POLICIES PART 2: SITE ALLOCATIONS PLAN DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT ADOPTION STATEMENT (STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT): APRIL 2018**

North Somerset Council resolved to adopt the Sites and Policies Plan Part 2: Site Allocations Plan Development Plan Document (the SAP) on 10th April 2018.

The Sites and Policies Plan Part 2: Site Allocations Plan (incorporating recommendations from the Inspector), this adoption statement, the Sustainability Appraisal Report, the Inspector's Report and all material relating to the examination process can be viewed:-

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- Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1TG; and at
- Castlewood, Tickenham Road, Clevedon, BS21 6BD.

This statement has been prepared in accordance with regulation 16(4), which requires information to be provided on six particulars:-

*(a) how environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan or programme;*

The SAP is a land-use plan prepared in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework, which sets out a range of environmental considerations relevant to the preparation of such plans.

*(b) how the environmental report has been taken into account;*

The Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Report was one of a number of factors taken into account in selecting the allocations and designations made in the plan

*(c) how opinions expressed in response to –*

*(i) the invitation referred to in regulation 13(2)(d);*

*(ii) action taken by the responsible authority in accordance with regulation 13(4), have been taken into account;*

Regulation 13(2)(d) requires specified consultation bodies and the public to be invited to express their opinion on the draft plan and its accompanying environmental report. Regulation 13(4) requires a copy of these documents to be available for inspection.

All consultation responses were considered through the examination process. The Inspector had access to all the comments and took these into account in her recommendations.

*(d) how the results of any consultations entered into under regulation 14(4) have been taken into account;*

Regulation 14(4) relates to significant effects on another Member State and is not relevant to the SAP.

*(e) the reasons for choosing the plan or programme as adopted, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with;*

The SA Report took two different approaches to identifying reasonable alternatives. In some cases, the only reasonable alternative was not to make the allocation / designation. In the case of sites for housing, a range of alternative sites were assessed. In response to the Inspector's request for additional sites to be identified, an assessment of potential additional sites was also undertaken. The Inspector considered the evidence and recommended the plan for adoption, with modifications.

*(f) the measures that are to be taken to monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the plan or programme.*

Monitoring of the Council's Local Development Framework is carried out through the Annual Monitoring Report. This reports on the effects of all the Council's development plan documents and from 2018 will start to include the SAP's effects.

Further guidance and information on this, and other matters relating to the North Somerset Local Development Framework, is available on the Council's website at [North Somerset Planning Policy](#) or by contacting the Planning Policy Team on 01934 42 6816 or by email at [planning.policy@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@n-somerset.gov.uk)



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