

Sustainability Appraisal of the Reg 19 Leicester Local Plan September 2024

Updates to address oversights at the time of the Submission of the Local Plan (September 2023)

This update corrects a number of oversights contained within the originally published Sustainability Appraisal for the Reg 19 Local Plan (Document SD/4). These are in the main typographical and are updated for accuracy. This does not affect the substance of the report.

The below tables outlines the oversights identified in the published Sustainability Appraisal and associated appendices. This identifies where the issue is located and the revision made to the Sustainability Appraisal to provide accurate information. Appendix C2 has been split into two parts (appendix C2 and C3) to help reduce file size and make this more accessible. However, beyond the oversights noted below no further amendments have been made to this appendix. These amendments do not impact on the overall findings of the Sustainability Appraisal or on planning decisions.

Note: Yellow highlights denote additional text included.

Submission Document SD/4 ‘Sustainability appraisal of the Reg. 19 Leicester Local Plan (September 2022)’		
Page number/Table number	Oversights identified	Revision made
Page 4 – Assessing the Local Plan	Some sites have been included in incorrect documents.	Inclusion of sentence to help provide background to why changes have been made to the site allocations. Amended text below: <i>‘Table 1.1 summarises the impacts of the plan policies, and Table 1.2 summarises the impacts of the proposed development sites. Table 1.3 summarises the overall impacts of the Local Plan. There have been some revisions since 2022 which do not change the outcomes of the report.’</i>
Page 8 – Table 1.2, 7.2	Overall RAG ratings in tables 1.2, 7.2 and appendix B are inconsistent on	These were checked and RAG ratings amended to ensure

and appendix B	<p>a number of sites. eg. Site 579 shows as red in one table and amber in another.</p> <p>This also applies to site nos. 464, 702, 962, 1047</p>	consistency across report and appendices.
3.3. SA/SEA reports produced to date – p.17	The date for Regulation 18 consultation was incorrect.	<p>Date for consultation amended to September 2020 as opposed to February 2020. Amended text below:</p> <p><i>“In February September 2020, consultation on the Regulation 18 version of the Local Plan and an SA of that draft plan took place (see Section 3.4). This report brings together the findings of the previous reports and assesses the impacts of the publication version of the plan. Minor revisions relating to sites taken forward were made in August 2024: these have no implications for the report conclusions or planning decisions taken.”</i></p>
3.3. SA/SEA reports produced to date – p.17	Corrections to report to make it clear that further revisions were made to the SA report in August 2024.	<p>Inclusion of sentence to state that minor revisions made in August 2024. Amended text below:</p> <p><i>‘In February September 2020, consultation on the Regulation 18 version of the Local Plan and an SA of that draft plan took place (see Section 3.4). This report brings together the findings of the previous reports and assesses the impacts of the publication version of the plan. Minor revisions relating to sites taken forward were made in August 2024: these have no implications for the report conclusions or planning decisions taken.’</i></p>

<p>Table 6.1, page 67-73</p>	<p>An asterisk was used to denote allocated sites, but some sites did not have an asterisk next to them. The sites these relate to are listed below for reference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 261 • 262 • 309 • 464 • 575 • 579 • 669 • 687 • 702 • 718 • 1047 • 1052 • 1053 • 1054 	<p>Updated Table 6.1 to ensure that all allocated sites had an asterisk next to them.</p>
<p>Table 6.2 'Reasons for removing sites between the pre-submission and submission Local Plan', page 74</p>	<p>The following sites were shown as removed as allocations between the pre-submission and submission Local Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 261 • 262 • 309 • 464 • 575 • 579 • 580 • 673 • 702 • 718 • 1054 <p>These were listed as being removed for the following reason:</p> <p><i>'Sites are in a Green Wedge, allotment and/or Local Wildlife Site, and have been assessed by the planning team and this SA as having, cumulatively, significant sustainability issues'</i></p> <p>This is incorrect as the sites are still included in the Submission Local Plan.</p>	<p>Line that states the reason for removal as below has been removed from Table 6.2:</p> <p><i>'Sites are in a Green Wedge, allotment and/or Local Wildlife Site, and have been assessed by the planning team and this SA as having, cumulatively, significant sustainability issues'</i></p>

	The overall assessments are still accurate as the sites are impacted by the above sustainability issues (ie. Green Wedge, Local Wildlife Sites etc). However, whilst these are seemingly unsustainable sites, the Council have chosen to include these sites in the Submission Local Plan to provide significant contributions to the housing need.	
Table 6.4 'Reasons for including seemingly unsustainable sites in the Local Plan, page 76	The sites listed above should be included in Table 6.4 as the sites are seemingly unsustainable but are allocated in the Plan.	Added the following sites in table 6.4 and provided short narrative as to why these have been included in this table. See appendix A of this document for full detail of the sites and reasons for inclusion within Table 6.4. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 261 • 262 • 309 • 464 • 575 • 579 • 702 • 718 • 1054

Submission Document SD/4a 'SA Appendix A. Detailed appraisal of alternatives (September 2022)'

Page number/Table number	Oversights identified	Revision made
N/A	No issues	No changes needed

Submission Document SD/4b 'SA Appendix B. Detailed appraisal of Local Plan sites (September 2022)'

Page number/Table number	Oversights identified	Revision made
N/A	Strategic sites and non-strategic non-housing sites should have been included in Appendix B. These are listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 261 • 262 • 309 • 464 	These have been removed from Appendix C1 and C2 (Sites not in the Local Plan) and added into Appendix B.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 575 • 579 • 687 • 702 • 718 • 1052 • 1053 • 1054 	
N/A	<p>The following allocated sites have incorrect capacities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 19 — should be 38 not 37 dwellings • Site 190 – Should be 37 not 50 dwellings • Site 222 – Should be 52 not 48 dwellings • Site 261 – Should be 420 not 412 dwellings • Site 262 – Should be 670 not 659 dwellings • Site 488 – Should be 30 not 18 dwellings • 505 – Should be 31 not 26 dwellings 	Updated the figures to reflect Regulation 19 site capacities.

Submission Document SD/4c 'SA Appendix C1. Detailed appraisal of sites not in the Local Plan to site 641 (September 2022)'		
Page number/Table number	Oversights identified	Revision made
	<p>Includes strategic sites and non-strategic non-housing sites in error. These sites are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 261 • 262 • 309 • 464 • 575 • 579 	Strategic sites removed from Appendix C1
	<p>Sites missing from appendix C1 (most of these are the sites dropped between Reg 18 and Reg 19):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 463 • 473 • 474 • 485 • 515 • 527 	Sites added into appendix C1.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 546 • 566 • 604 • 605 • 627 	
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Submission Document SD/4d 'SA Appendix C2. Detailed appraisal of sites not in the Local Plan from site 643 (September 2022)'

Page number/Table number	Oversights identified	Revision made
	Strategic sites and non-strategic non-housing sites should have been in Appendix B (Detailed appraisal of Local Plan sites September 2022). This includes sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 687 • 702 • 718 • 1054 	Sites removed from Appendix C2.
Page 17	Site 669 is an allocated site and shows in appendix C2 in error. This should be in appendix B.	Moved site 669 from Appendix C2 to Appendix B.
	Sites missing from appendix C2 (most of these are the sites dropped between Reg 18 and Reg 19): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 653 • 663 • 665 • 673 • 675 	Sites added into appendix C2.

New document: 'App C3 Appraisal of red sites from 1000'

NB. To make document C2 easier to download and read, this document has been split into two parts. Document C3 incorporates SHELAA sites above site no. 1000, as well as planning permission sites at the time of submission.

Page number/Table number	Oversights identified	Revision made
	Sites missing from appendix C3 (most of these are the sites dropped between Reg 18 and Reg 19): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1006 • 1021 	Sites added into Appendix C3.

Submission Document SD/4e 'SA Appendix D. Detailed appraisal of Local Plan policies (September 2022)'

Page number/Table number	Oversights identified	Revision made
Page 2	Change from 30 to 44Ha on page 2 and changes to text	Amended to reflect Local Plan policies at Regulation 19 stage.
Page 4	Change from 9.24Ha to 11.24Ha	Amended to reflect Local Plan policies at Regulation 19 stage.
Page 6	Change from 4.6Ha to 4.55Ha gross area and from 1.67Ha to 2.4Ha	Amended to reflect Local Plan policies at Regulation 19 stage.
Page 12	Change from 20.2Ha to 19.72Ha	Amended to reflect Local Plan policies at Regulation 19 stage.
Page 17	Minor changes to wording in policy Ho04. Affordable Housing.	Amended to reflect Local Plan policies at Regulation 19 stage.
Page 48	Removal of information about projecting and fascia signs, media screens and mesh wrap advertisements	Amended to reflect Local Plan policies at Regulation 19 stage.
Page 62	Additional line about the presumption against harm to heritage assets	Amended to reflect Local Plan policies at Regulation 19 stage.
Page 66	Inclusion of line about encouraging walking and cycling.	Amended to reflect Local Plan policies at Regulation 19 stage.
Page 77	Inclusion of policy CHA07 in policy E06 policy criterion.	Amended to reflect Local Plan policies at Regulation 19 stage.
Page 90	Inclusion of having a satisfactory living environment in TCR07c	Amended to reflect Local Plan policies at Regulation 19 stage.
Page 96	'Or' added in OSSR02	Amended to reflect Local Plan policies at Regulation 19 stage.

Submission Document SD/4f 'SA Appendix E. Recommended mitigation measures and their implementation in the Plan (September 2022)'

Page number/Table number	Oversights identified	Revision made
	No issues	No changes made.

Appendix A

The yellow highlights below relate to the sites that have been added into table 6.4 as a result of removal from Table 6.2. This is included in the updated report.

Site no.	Reason for including
15	Former 'Potential Development Area' in 2006 Local Plan which is predominantly brownfield land adjacent to the city centre and the identified area in the Plan known as the Central Development Area. This is proposed for mixed use development, which provides contributions to employment and housing needs.
190	Disused (declassified) former allotment site with significant potential for development. Development of the site could open up a walking route along the Melton Brook and Grand Union Canal.
261	A large agricultural site with scope for development to provide a substantial contribution to housing needs. The site abuts the existing allocation at Ashton Green and emerging allocation to the east of Ashton Green, allowing for coordinated and well-designed development.
262/579	A large agricultural site with scope for development to provide a substantial contribution to both housing and employment need. The site is next to the existing allocation at Ashton Green and emerging allocations to the north of A46 at Thurcaston, allowing for coordinated and well-designed development.
309/718/1054	Although developing on green space, this site will provide a substantial contribution to housing supply. The development would be part of a larger strategic site with housing sites in Charnwood and Blaby.
464	A large park adjacent to Beaumont Leys shopping centre and industrial units on Leycroft Road. Development of this site would provide a significant contribution to employment needs of the city in a sustainable location.
559	City Council owned land that is adjacent to a school playing field. This site provides an opportunity to create access between Biggin Hill Road and Stoughton Lane and utilize unused playing pitches. However, mitigation needed for impacts to the sports fields adjacent.
575	Although a wooded site, the site immediately abuts the end of the Great Central Railway. Development of the site presents an opportunity for development of cultural facilities including a museum and café to enhance the heritage asset and bring tourism to Leicester.
702	A disused former golf course that would provide a significant contribution to housing and employment needs. The site is located adjacent to Braunstone Frith Industrial Estate and residential areas allowing for an extension of existing development areas.
715	Although a relatively modest site there is scope for development as a continuation of existing housing development fronting Gartree Road, but is subject to the protection of the local wildlife site.
960	Mixed use development is only proposed for a small proportion of this site on the northern end. This would avoid the area of flooding, and most of the length along the River Soar (Local Wildlife Site and sensitive to runoff etc.)
961	Housing is only proposed along the frontage of Welford Road. The aim is, through development, to secure community access to the eastern part of the site for use as community playing fields.
1040	Employment land is located within Troon Industrial Estate which lies adjacent to the site. Allocation of this site would provide needed employment land in a sustainable location with minimal impacts to neighbouring uses.
CDA 1048	The Central Development Area is a key area for growth in the city for both housing and employment needs. Allocation of the Central Development Area in the Plan will involve redevelopment of the city centre which will encourage investment in the city centre and development of brownfield land.