

Appendix 2: Statement on Compliance with SEA Directive & Regulations

The EU SEA Directive (Annex I) requires certain information to be provided in the Environmental Report. This requirement is translated into UK legislation through the SEA Regulations (2004). This is Appendix I of the Integrated Assessment Report that constitutes the Environmental Report as required by the SEA Directive and the UK SEA Regulations. This Appendix I sets out how the requirements for SEA have been met and signposts where this information is found in the Integrated Assessment Report (February 2017) –and in accordance with paragraph 165 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2012). The Integrated Assessment Report comprises a Scoping Report (February 2017), a Main IA Report (February 2017) plus 14 separate appendices (including a Non-Technical Summary, and the IA Scoping report); this constitutes the Environmental Report for the purposes of the SEA Directive.

SEA Directive & Regulation Requirements	Report Section	Summary of Contents
An outline of the contents, main objectives of the plan and relationship with other relevant plans	Section 2	Sets out the vision and main objectives of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan (JLP)
	Section 3	Summarises the relationship with other plans and references the detailed review provided in the SA Scoping Report.
The relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without the implementation of the plan	Section 4 Appendix III Appendix IV Appendix V Appendix VI	Summarises the relevant baseline conditions for sustainability (including the state of relevant environmental aspects) in the Plymouth and South West Devon JLP area. The information is set out in more detail in the SA Scoping Report (March 2017) and earlier scoping reports (Plymouth Plan SA Scoping Report – Sept 2014); South Hams Our Plan SA Scoping Report (July 2014); West Devon Our Plan SA Scoping Report (Sept 2014); which also indicates the likely evolution of current conditions ('trends') where available. (Section 6 of the JLP IA scoping report)
Any existing environmental problems which are relevant to the plan including, in particular, those relation to any areas of a particular environmental importance	Section 4	Summarises existing sustainability (including environmental problems) for the Plymouth and South West Devon JLP area.
The environmental protection objectives relevant to the plan and the way those objectives and any environmental considerations have been taken into account during its preparation	Appendix III Section 3	The JLP Scoping report – provides the summary of objectives for sustainability in Plymouth and South West Devon (including environmental objectives) and the implications of these objectives for the JLP.
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	Section 3	Presents the SA Framework of objectives which shows which of the issues listed by the SEA Regulations are progressed by which SA objectives. This assures that all of the issues are considered during the assessment of each part of the JLP – since each policy is assessed against each SA objective
	Appendix XII	The likely significant effects of implementing the JLP (including environmental effects) is

archaeological heritage, landscape and the interrelationship between the above factors. These effects should include secondary, cumulative, synergistic, short, medium and long-term permanent and temporary, positive and negative effects		provided in the appendix XII and s summarised in Section 8.
The measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan	Section 3 Appendix XII	Where potential significant adverse effects would have been identified by SA, the iterative process led to mitigation being included in the JLP policies. The consequence is that the appraisal matrices for the SA in Appendix XII reflects that mitigation.
An outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with, and a description of how the assessment was undertaken including any difficulties encountered in compiling the required information	Section 5 Appendix IX Appendix X	Reasonable alternatives were considered using the SA process/ against the SA Framework. The reasons for rejecting/selecting reasonable alternatives is summarised , and the reasons are set out for concluding that options are reasonable or are not reasonable
	Section 3	Outlines how the assessment was undertaken – the appraisal methodology and difficulties encountered in compiling information are noted in Section 3.
A description of the measures envisaged concerning monitoring	Section 6	Provides measures proposed for monitoring the sustainability (and environmental) effects of the SWDP implementation
A non-technical summary of the information provided under the above headings	Appendix I	Provides a non-technical summary.