

I. PURPOSE OF THE LDS

- 1.1. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out a three year rolling timetable for preparing and reviewing the Development Plan, to provide:
- A long term framework for the development, within which the Councils, other Agencies and key stakeholders can coordinate their investment programmes;
 - An up-to-date, statutory basis for determining planning applications, (unless material considerations indicate otherwise).
- 1.2. This LDS sets out the timetable for producing the development plan for Plymouth City Council, South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council. The three local authorities have agreed to collaborate on the production of a Joint Local Plan, and therefore have also agreed to publish this joint Local Development Scheme. The intention is to assist the community's understanding of and involvement in the process by setting out:
- The documents that make up the development plan for the three local authorities;
 - The documents that will be produced in order to maintain an up to date plan led system (explaining who, how and when they will be produced, as well as their status);
 - The purpose of, geographical extent and relationships between these documents, explaining how they will provide the framework for considering the long term social, economic, environmental and resource impacts of development proposals.
- 1.3. This LDS will also set out the associated Local Development Documents which each local authority intends to produce in support of the Joint Local Plan.

2. WHAT ARE THE ADOPTED DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR PLYMOUTH, SOUTH HAMS AND WEST DEVON?

- 2.1. The three local authorities have adopted the following Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents. The Development Plan Documents listed below comprise the Development Plan for Plymouth, South Hams and West Devon for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

Plymouth

Adopted Development Plan Documents:	Adoption Date:
(1) Plymouth's Core Strategy (including Criteria Based Policies)	04/2007
(2) North Plymstock Area Action Plan and (3) Minerals Development Plan Document	08/2007 08/2007
(4) Devonport Area Action Plan	08/2007
(5) Millbay and Stonehouse Area Action Plan	/08/2007
(6) Waste Development Plan Document	/04/2008
(7) Sutton Harbour Area Action Plan	07/2008
(8) Central Park Area Action Plan	09/2008
(9) City Centre and University Area Action Plan	04/2010
Adopted Supplementary Planning Documents:	Adoption Date:

(10) Planning Obligations and Affordable Housing SPD 2 nd Review	07/2012
(11) Design SPD	07/2009
(12) Development Guidelines SPD (First Review) including Coastal Planning	04/2013
(13) Shopping Centres SPD	07/2012

South Hams

Adopted Development Plan Documents:	Adoption Date:
(1) South Hams Core Strategy	12/2006
(2) Sherford New Community Area Action Plan (AAP)	08/2007
(3) Affordable Housing Development Plan Document (DPD)	09/2008
(4) Development Policies Development Plan Document (DPD)	07/2010
(5) Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) for: <input type="checkbox"/> Dartmouth <input type="checkbox"/> Ivybridge <input type="checkbox"/> Kingsbridge <input type="checkbox"/> Totnes <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Areas	02/2011
(6) There are also a number of policies saved from the 1996 Local Plan which are still in use.	07/2008
Adopted Supplementary Planning Documents:	Adoption Date:
(7) Open Space, Sport & Recreation Supplementary Planning Document	06/2006
(8) Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document	09/2008
(9) Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document	12/2008

West Devon

Adopted Development Plan Documents:	Adoption Date:
(1) West Devon Local Plan Saved Policies	03/2005
(2) West Devon Core Strategy	04/2011
Adopted Supplementary Planning Documents:	Adoption Date:
(2) East of Okehampton Masterplan SPD	01/2014

(3) South and South West of Tavistock Masterplan SPD	04/2013
(4) Assessing the Impact of New Retail Development in West Devon SPD	04/2013
(5) Affordable Housing Code of Practice	03/2012
(6) Infrastructure and Facilities to Support New Development SPD	06/2007
(7) Reuse of Rural Buildings SPD	03/2006

3. THE PLYMOUTH AND SOUTH WEST DEVON JOINT LOCAL PLAN

- 3.1. The current adopted Development Plan Documents are in the process of being replaced by the preparation of a new Joint Local Plan covering Plymouth and South West Devon. These plans need to be reviewed to take into account recent changes to the planning system through the Localism Act and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), and to ensure that there is an up to date plan which enables the Councils to deliver their vision and priorities. The new Joint Local Plan will be the overarching strategic plan for the whole area of Plymouth, West Devon and South Hams outside of the Dartmoor National Park. Upon adoption, it will replace all of the adopted DPDs on the three Local Authorities and will be the single development plan for South Hams, West Devon and Plymouth.
- 3.2. The Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan is being produced collaboratively by Plymouth City Council, South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council. The decision to produce a Joint Local Plan arose from work the three local authorities had been pursuing through the Duty to Cooperate on their separate Local Plans – the Plymouth Plan, the West Devon Our Plan and the South Hams Our Plan.
- 3.3. Clearly, prior to that decision, each of the local authority’s Local Plan processes had reached different stages in the plan making process. The Plymouth Plan Part One (dealing with overarching strategy and policies) had been published as a draft and its approach had been subject to several consultation stages as set out below. The West Devon Our Plan had reached a Regulation 19 Pre-Submission consultation stage, and had therefore been published. The South Hams Our Plan had reached an early Regulation 18 ‘Issues and Options’ consultation stage.
- 3.4. The three local authorities had been working together through the Duty to Cooperate, along with Dartmoor National Park Authority, Devon County Council and Cornwall Council, for several years before the decision to move to a Joint Local Plan. This cooperation resulted in joint evidence base documents being produced, and the identification of cross boundary issues that each local authority would need to pick up in their Local Plans. Some of these issues revolved around the emerging requirement for Plymouth City Council to work with its neighbours to explore whether some of its needs could be met in adjoining local authority areas. Further work had suggested that in particular, South Hams District Council and the City Council needed to work closely to find potential locations for urban extensions on the edge of Plymouth, but within South Hams’ area.
- 3.5. Given the outcomes of the ongoing Duty to Cooperate discussions, during 2015 Plymouth, South Hams and West Devon began to examine whether they should consider rolling their separate Local Plans into a single Joint Local Plan. The starting point for this consideration was a growing understanding of the need to consider the three Local Plans as together

meeting the needs of the Plymouth Housing Market Area, and therefore needing to present a clear and consistent strategy and approach to the HMA. The question became, what is the most sustainable, effective and efficient plan to meet those needs?

- It enabled the three local authorities to plan more effectively for the needs of the HMA in a single plan, setting out a single strategy and subject to one plan making process.
- It enabled the cross boundary issues which would have required close alignment of separate Local Plans, to be tackled more simply in one plan which was not constrained by local authority administrative boundaries.
- The three local authorities would be able to better handle development proposals and delivery through a single integrated set of policies.
- A single, Joint Local Plan would give Plymouth, South Hams and West Devon a single, stronger voice in the wider region.

3.6. Much of these matters are set out in the reports to the three councils which set out the decision to move to a Joint Local Plan. When each council moved to producing a single Joint Local Plan, it was necessary to look again at the cross boundary issues, to understand the objectives that could apply to a Joint Local Plan and how these may differ from three separate Local Plans, and to understand how those objectives could better be achieved using a Joint Local Plan. Although the three councils have now moved to the production of a single Joint Local Plan, it should be emphasised that they have not gone back to first principles in developing the plan – the work which had been done on the three separate processes including the results of consultations have been carried forward into the Joint Local Plan.

3.7. Plymouth City Council, South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council are all committed to more integrated and holistic plan making. In this respect, the JLP is seen by each authority as the spatial expression of a wider strategy for their areas. For Plymouth, this JLP is seen as part of the Plymouth Plan. The Plymouth Plan will be the City of Plymouth's single, integrated and holistic strategic plan, owned by the City Council and its partners in the city. For South Hams and West Devon, this JLP is seen as part of their Our Plan corporate policy documents.

3.8. Only the JLP elements of the Plymouth Plan and the Our Plans will be submitted for public examination. It is those elements that are incorporated into this document. After adoption of the plan, each area will combine the JLP with their wider strategies. In policy terms the outcome will be:

- A single Joint Local Plan as the statutory development plan for Plymouth and South West Devon.
- A single strategy for Plymouth - which incorporates the relevant sections of the JLP.

Single Our Plan strategies for South Hams and West Devon - which incorporate the relevant sections of the JLP.

3.9. The Joint Local Plan has a very close relationship with Dartmoor National Park and Devon County. Parts of West Devon and South Hams are within the Dartmoor National Park and therefore for planning purposes are covered by the National Park Authority. Devon County Council is responsible for a number of service areas in South Hams and West Devon, including highways and infrastructure planning, as well as producing the Minerals and Waste Local Plans covering these areas. Plymouth City Council, as a unitary authority, has complete responsibility for these services and plans.

- 3.10. The Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan therefore covers an area which excludes those parts of Dartmoor which fall within South Hams and West Devon. Following discussions with the National Park Authority, the three local authorities undertaking the Joint Local Plan agreed to collaborate with the NPA on a joint evidence base, and to collaborate on the creation of a strategy and policy to cover the Plymouth HMA. In particular, the local authorities and NPA will collaborate on the creation of evidence setting out the objectively assessed need for housing in the Plymouth Housing Market Area, and on the proportion of the OAN that should be met within the National Park. The results of this collaboration will then be taken forward into the Joint Local Plan and into Dartmoor NPA's Local Plan which will cover the whole of the National Park, and will be set out in a Memorandum of Understanding setting out what has been achieved and how each authority will commit to meeting their needs.
- 3.11. Although not a formal partner in the Joint Local Plan, Devon County Council are working closely with the local authorities to support evidence and policy development relating to their areas of responsibility - chiefly transport policy, education provision and other infrastructure for which it is responsible
- 3.12. The Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan is being produced collaboratively by the three local authorities. We have set up a Joint Member Steering Group to guide the work on the Joint Local Plan, but formal decisions on the key stages of the plan must be taken by the Full Councils of the three local authorities.

Duty to Cooperate

- 3.13. The introduction of the Duty to Cooperate, which is intended to strengthen the obligation for neighbouring authorities to work together on cross border matters, creates an opportunity for a more joined up approach across sub-regional areas.
- 3.14. Before moving to producing a Joint Local Plan, the three local authorities had been liaising through the Duty to Cooperate. Together with Cornwall Council and Devon County Council, the authorities had been cooperating on identifying cross boundary issues and commissioning joint evidence base documents.
- 3.15. Now that the authorities are working on a Joint Local Plan, our Duty to Cooperate partners have expanded to include Torbay, the Greater Exeter Joint local Plan authorities, and North Devon/Torridge. We will continue to work with these authorities on cross boundary issues as we progress the Joint Local Plan and will set out all of the steps which have been taken to work with our neighbouring authorities in a Duty to Cooperate Topic Paper

Plymouth Plan and South West Devon Joint Local Plan Timetable

- 3.16. The table below sets out the steps we have taken so far in the production of the Joint Local Plan, and the steps we will take to progress the plan to adoption.

Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan Stage	Programme
1. Decision taken to move to Joint Local Plan - COMPLETE	Dec 2015 – Feb 2016
2. “Crunch Time” Regulation 18 Consultation on Joint Local Plan concept and potential sites for allocation or designation. - COMPLETE	July – August 2016
3. Consultation on new sites submitted in July, and Distribution Strategy alternatives – UNDERWAY	November – December 2016

4. Regulation 19 Pre Submission Consultation	Spring 2017
5. Submission of Joint Local Plan to Secretary of State *	Spring / Summer 2017
6. Commencement of Examination Hearings	Autumn 2017
7. Receipt of Inspector's report	Autumn/Winter 2017
8. Adoption of Joint Local Plan	Winter 2017

* - all stages following submission of the Joint Local Plan are dependent upon the Inspector's decisions regarding process and timetable.

4. Other Documents

4.1. In addition to the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan, this Local Development Scheme sets out further documents which the councils will produce:

- The Plymouth Policy Area Supplementary Planning Document. This SPD will update and review all of the existing SPDs into one concise document. The Plymouth Policy Area SPD will set out guidance on how the policies in the Joint Local Plan which relate to the Plymouth Policy Area should be applied when considering planning applications and development proposals. It will respond to the NPPF and NPPG and will refer to policies in the Joint Local Plan which set out how development proposals should be considered. As it covers the Plymouth Policy Area, the SPD will be prepared jointly between Plymouth City Council and South Hams District Council.
- The Plymouth Community Infrastructure Levy. Plymouth has a CIL Charging Schedule in place and has been applying it since 2013. As part of the development of the JLP, we will be reviewing the CIL against more up to date viability information and the policies and provisions of the plan.
- The Thriving Towns and Villages SPD. This SPD will set out development guidelines for South Hams and West Devon and will explain how the policies of the Joint Local Plan will apply. The SPD will cover a range of guidance expanding on policies in the Joint Local Plan, including setting out advice on measures relating to the World Heritage Site, measures relating to the AONBs, and coastal change.
- There are a number of Neighbourhood Plans being produced by communities in all three councils. These Neighbourhood Plans will be brought forward for examination and adopted at various times dependent on the groups producing them, but the Joint Local Plan will provide the plans with a strategic context and an expectation that they will bring forward a certain amount of development. The Joint Local Plan will therefore set out contingency measures that will be triggered should the emerging Neighbourhood Plans not deliver sufficient amount of new homes to meet the needs of the Housing Market Area. One such measure could be the production of a Village Allocations DPD. If such a measure is appropriate and required at a future time to ensure sites are delivered to support the Joint Local Plan strategy, this LDS will be

revised to include a description and timetable for production.

4.2. Other documents will be published to inform or support the production of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan. They will be prepared and published alongside the plan, and include:

- Publishing updates to the evidence base underpinning the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan.
- Equality Impact Assessments, Viability Assessments and Habitat Regulations Assessment/ Appropriate Assessment. This is an ongoing process which informs the development of each stage of the Plymouth and south West Devon Joint Local Plan.
- A Sustainability Appraisal /Strategic Environmental Assessment /Significant Effects report. This is an ongoing process which informs the production of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan. The final reports will be published at the pre-submission stage as part of the public consultation process.

5. Further Explanatory Information

5.1. The following table, chart, map, document profiles and appendices provide further details about each of the above LDF documents:

- Table 1 Timetable for producing Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan and Supporting Documents
- Tables 2 - 4 Timetable For Producing Further Local Development Documents
- Table 5 - 8: Development Plan Documents In Preparation
- Appendix I: Glossary of terms.

TIMETABLE FOR PRODUCING PLYMOUTH AND SOUTH WEST DEVON JOINT LOCAL PLAN AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Table 1	Decision taken to collaborate on production of the Plymouth and South West Devon JLP	Regulation 18 Consultation on Joint Local Plan concept and potential sites for allocation or designation.	Regulation 18 Consultation on new sites submitted in July, and Distribution Strategy alternatives	Regulation 19: Pre-submission Consultation on the Plymouth and South West Devon JLP	Regulation 20: Single Plymouth Plan Submitted	Public Examination	Inspector's Report	Adoption
Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan	Dec 2015 – Feb 2016	July – August 2016	November - December 2016	March – April 2017	Spring / Summer 2017	Autumn 2017	Autumn/ Winter 2017	Winter 2017

TABLE 2 - 4: TIMETABLE FOR PRODUCING FURTHER LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENTS

Table 2	Preliminary Draft Consultation	Draft Charging Schedule consultation	Charging Schedule Publication	Examination	Inspector's Report	Adoption date
PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY - Revised Draft CIL Charging Schedule	By March 2016	March – April 2017	Spring / Summer 2017	Autumn 2017	Autumn/ Winter 2017	Winter 2017

Table 3	Consultation on Draft SPD	Adoption of SPD
Plymouth Policy Area SPD	Spring/Summer 2017	Winter 2017

Table 4	Consultation on Draft SPD	Adoption of SPD
Thriving Towns And Villages Policy Area SPD	Spring/Summer 2017	Winter 2017

TABLE 4: DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS IN PREPARATION

Table 5	The Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan
Description	The Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan is the review of the adopted development plans for Plymouth City Council, West Devon Borough Council and South Hams District Council. It will set out a high level strategy for development in the three authorities over the period 2014 – 2034, and will form the single Local Plan (development plan document) covering the plan area.
Content	The Joint Local Plan will set out a vision and high level spatial strategy for the growth and development of the plan area between 2014 and 2034. It will set out requirements for new homes (based on the objectively assessed need for housing), employment land and retail floorspace, and will set out site allocations to meet those needs. It will also set out site designations for greenspace and other constraints. The Joint Local Plan will set out general development policies covering the whole plan area, and monitoring arrangements.
Area covered	The whole of Plymouth City Council administrative area, those parts of West Devon Borough Council’s administrative area outside of Dartmoor National Park, those parts of South Hams District Council’s administrative area outside of Dartmoor National Park.
Status and Chain of conformity	The Joint Local Plan will be the Statutory Development Plan Document covering Plymouth City, and those parts of South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council which fall outside of Dartmoor National Park. The Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan will be in line with national planning policy.
Key Milestones:-	
Preparation (Regulation 18)	Up to March 2017
Pre-submission consultation	March – April 2017
Submit Sec. of State	26 th May 2017
Public Hearing	Autumn 2017
Inspector’s Report	Autumn/Winter 2017
Adoption	Winter 2017
Monitor / Review	Monitored on an annual basis and reviewed at least every 5 years.
Production arrangements	To be prepared collaboratively by Plymouth City Council, West Devon Borough Council and South Hams District Council. The three Councils have created a Joint Local Plan Steering Group to guide work on the plan. All formal decisions will be taken by the Full Council meetings of each authority. Production will include an engagement process with the relevant statutory bodies, as well as all partners / key stakeholders,

communities and the general public

Table 6	Proposals Map
Description	Illustrates the location and extent of all the development proposals arising from the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan. Its purpose is to illustrate areas of protection (e.g. protected landscapes, nature conservation) and all the spatial planning policies / proposals set out in the Local Plan.
Content	It shows (on a base map at an appropriate scale) all the policies and proposals (that can be illustrated on a map) contained in the Local Plan.
Area covered	The Proposals Map will cover the whole of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan area.
Status	This will be a Statutory Development Plan Document.
Chain of conformity	It shows all the policies and proposals in the Adopted Local Plan that can be illustrated on a map.
Key Milestones:-	As Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan
Adoption	As Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan
Monitor / Review	As Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan
Production arrangements	As Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan

Table 7	Thriving Towns and Villages Policy Area SPD
Description	Reviews the adopted Supplementary Planning Documents covering South Hams and West Devon outside of the Plymouth Policy Area, and outside of Dartmoor National Park to support the delivery of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan in Plymouth in relation to planning applications.
Area covered	The Thriving Towns and Villages Policy Area as set out in the Joint Local Plan – including those parts of South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council not part of the Plymouth Policy Area, and not part of Dartmoor National Park.
Status	Forms part of the Development Framework for South Hams, West Devon and Plymouth, as a Supplementary Planning Document.
Chain of Conformity	Consistent with the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan, in line with the NPPF and NPPG.
Key Milestones:-	Consultation on Draft SPD Spring/Summer 2017
Adoption	By Winter 2017
Review	Monitored on an annual basis, and reviewed as appropriate.

Table 8	Plymouth Policy Area SPD
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Description	Reviews the adopted Plymouth Supplementary Planning Documents – the Design SPD, Development Guidelines SPD, Planning Obligations and Affordable Housing SPD and Shopping Centres SPD into a single, concise set of guidance to support the delivery of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan in Plymouth in relation to planning applications.
Area covered	Plymouth Policy Area (including all of Plymouth City Council, and parts of South Hams District Council in the urban fringe).
Status	Forms part of the Development Framework for South Hams, West Devon and Plymouth, as a Supplementary Planning Document.
Chain of Conformity	Consistent with the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan, in line with the NPPF and NPPG.
Key Milestones:-	Consultation on Draft SPD Spring/Summer 2017
Adoption	By Winter 2017
Review	Monitored on an annual basis, and reviewed as appropriate.
Production Arrangements	This will be a Joint SPD to be prepared collaboratively by Plymouth City Council and South Hams District Council and guided by the Joint Local Plan Steering Group. All formal decisions will be taken by the Full Council meetings of each authority. Production will include an engagement process with the relevant statutory bodies, as well as all partners / key stakeholders, communities and the general public

APPENDIX I

GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

(The terms in *italics* are explained elsewhere in the glossary)

Term/Abbreviation	Definition/Description
The Act	The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended by the Localism Act 2011.
Authorities Monitoring Report	The Authorities Monitoring Report will assess the implementation of the <i>Local Development Scheme</i> and the extent to which policies in the <i>Local Plan</i> are being successfully implemented.
Development Plan	The Development Plan is the statutory planning document each Local authority prepares, setting out planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications and to set out long term development goals.
Development Plan Documents	Spatial planning documents that are subject to independent examination and which form the <i>development plan</i> for a local authority area. Since the introduction of the National Planning Policy Framework, development plan documents are referred to as the Local Plan. Each authority must set out its programme for preparing its <i>Development Plan Documents</i> in the <i>Local Development Scheme</i> .
Key Diagram	Authorities may wish to use a key diagram to illustrate broad locations of future development.
Local Development Document	The term used in <i>the Act</i> for <i>Development Plan Documents</i> , <i>Supplementary Planning Documents</i> and the <i>Statement of Community Involvement</i> .
Local Development Scheme	A project plan that sets out the programme for preparing <i>Local Development Documents</i> .
Local Plan	The Localism Act 2011 and the National Planning Policy Framework re-introduced the concept of a single Local Plan setting out planning policies relating to a Local Authority area, instead of a suite of documents called a Local Development Framework.
Local Transport Plan	5-year strategy prepared by each local authority for the development of local, integrated transport, supported by a programme of transport improvements. It is used to bid to Government for funding transport improvements.
Minerals and Waste Development Framework	In two tier areas, counties will be responsible for producing Minerals and Waste Development Frameworks and Schemes. The latter will be the equivalent of the <i>Local Development Scheme</i> . In unitary authorities and National Parks, minerals and waste policies should be included in their local development frameworks.
National Planning Policy Framework	National planning policy is set out in the NPPF, which was published in 2012 and gained full weight in March 2013. The NPPF replaces all of the previous Planning Policy Statements.
National Planning Practice Guidance	An online resource which sets out Government guidance on the application and interpretation of the NPPF.

Neighbourhood Plans	The Localism Act 2011 introduced powers to enable local communities to produce Neighbourhood Plans. These plans have the ability to set out policies dealing with the use and development of land, and upon formal adoption, following an examination and referendum, form part of the <i>development plan</i> .
Proposals Map	The adopted proposals map illustrates on a base map (reproduced for, or based upon a map base to a registered scale) all the policies contained in the Local Plan which have a spatial dimension – for example, site allocations or greenspace designations.
The Regulations	Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012.
Site-specific allocations and policies	Allocations of sites for specific or mixed uses or development to be contained in <i>Development Plan Documents</i> . Policies will identify any specific requirements for individual proposals.
Statement of Community Involvement	Sets out the standards which authorities will achieve with regards to involving the local community in the preparation of <i>local development documents</i> and development control decisions.
Strategic Environmental Assessment	A generic term, used to describe environmental assessment as applied to policies, plans and programmes. The European “SEA Directive” (2001/42/EC) requires a formal “environmental assessment of certain plans and programmes, including those in the field of planning and land use”.
Supplementary Planning Documents	Provide supplementary information in respect of the policies in <i>Local Plans</i> .. They do not form part of the Development Plan and are not subject to independent examination.
Sustainability Appraisal	A tool for appraising policies to ensure they reflect sustainable development objectives (i.e. social, environmental and economic factors) and required to be undertaken for all local development documents.