

APPENDIX V



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My Ref JP/JLP/IA

Your Ref

Dear Mr Salmon,

Integrated Assessment of the Joint Local Plan including Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment. (SA/SEA) – Scoping Report

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As part of the process of working on the Joint Local Plan the three Councils are looking for opportunities to share both evidence and local plan processes into a single approach. This includes the preparation of a single assessment process which brings together Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) along with Health Impact Assessment (HIA) and Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) into a single 'Integrated Assessment' or IA.

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- 1) Identified all the relevant policies, plans and programmes
- 2) Identified all sources of baseline data
- 3) Identified all the significant sustainability issues relevant to the plan area?
- 4) Set out appropriate objectives and decision aiding questions within the Integrated Assessment Framework

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this document. I look forward to hearing from you.

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