

Tamworth Local Plan Examination
Request for further Statement – Sustainability Appraisal : FS1

The Inspector requests a further statement from the Council to clarify how the preferred option in the Submitted Local Plan (SLP) was selected from the various options that were tested in the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and the SA Addendum.

Table 9.1 in the SA (Document A4) sets out the positive and negative impacts relating to 4 broad options. Table 10.1 in the SA sets out 7 spatial options, with a description of the effects of those options in subsequent paragraphs.

Following my request for the SA to consider the option(s) of meeting the total OAHN for the Borough, including the quantum from areas beyond the Borough boundary, an SA Addendum (Document EX11) was produced. It includes 7 spatial options similar to those in SA Table 10.1 but with the inclusion of the additional 2,000 dwellings outside the Borough.

I accept that there is an element of uncertainty regarding the broad allocation of much of the additional dwellings, but on the broad assumption that the 2,000 dwellings could be split equally between LDC and NWBC, the Inspector needs the following information:

- A brief description of the 7 spatial options.
- Appropriate SA comments as per SA Table 9.1, together with a brief explanation as to how these options fed into, or were discounted from, the SLP preferred strategy.

Without prejudice to the outcome of this Examination, this further statement could go out to consultation at the same time as the proposed Main Modifications to the SLP.

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