

Annex 1

SA Objective	Assessment			Comments
	Short	Med.	Long	
1. To help ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home				<p>The SPD provides more detailed guidance on how Policy CP17 will be implemented and provides clarification on the circumstances in which affordable housing is required. Section C provides guidance on the delivering of housing as part of Rural Exception sites, thereby increasing the likelihood of ensuring the housing needs of rural areas are met.</p> <p>The SPD also places additional emphasis on the Code for Sustainable Homes requirements and the Kent Design SPD, thereby promoting sustainable design and construction.</p> <p>Therefore this SPD is expected to have a positive impact on this objective.</p>
2. To reduce and manage the risk of flooding and any resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.	~	~	~	
3. To improve the health and well-being of the population and reduce inequalities in health				<p>There is a recognised linked between housing quality and health. The SPD provides guidance on affordable housing and specialist housing including sheltered accommodation. Access to specialist housing should have a positive impact on health. Therefore this SPD is expected to have a positive impact on health.</p>
4. To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between the most deprived areas and the rest				<p>The SPD sets out the need for affordable housing form different sections of the community and seeks to ensure provision is not concentrated in one location. This aims to encourage integration between affordable and market</p>

				housing to reduce exclusion. Therefore the SPD is likely to have a positive impact on this objective.
5. To raise educational achievement levels in the Borough and develop the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work	~	~	~	
6. To reduce crime and fear of crime				This SPD makes reference to all schemes achieving Secure By Design standards. Integration of affordable housing into mixed tenure developments may help to combat crime hotspots, thereby having a positive impact on this objective.
7. To create and sustain vibrant communities				The SPD sets out the need to create mixed tenure communities and improve living conditions. Higher levels of social inclusion and satisfaction may have a positive impact on this objective.
8. To improve accessibility for everyone to all services and facilities				The SPD makes reference to Lifetime Homes Standards to order to achieve higher levels of accessibility and also encourages the adaptability of properties to meet changing needs.
9. To encourage increased engagement in cultural activity across all sections of the community	()	()	()	Improved integration and access to services and facilities is likely to increase cultural engagement.
10. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing materials and buildings	()	()	()	Section C also provides guidance on determining the need for housing in rural areas based around Core Strategy Policy CP19.
11. To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve	~	~	~	

12. To address the causes of climate change through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases and ensure that the Borough is prepared for its impacts				Section D of the SPD makes reference to the need to meet Code for Sustainable Homes Level 3 on new developments. Thereby providing guidance on addressing the causes and impacts of climate change. Therefore the SPD is likely to have a positive impact on this objective.
13. To conserve and enhance biodiversity	()	()	()	The SPD makes reference to schemes providing opportunities to enhance biodiversity.
14. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the countryside and the historic environment	~	~	~	
15. To reduce the need for travel by car/lorry	~	~	~	
16. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste	~	~	~	
17. To maintain and improve the water quality of the Borough's rivers to achieve sustainable water resource management	~	~	~	
18. To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the Borough				Section D of the SPD makes reference to the need to meet Code for Sustainable Homes Level 3 on new developments as well as referring to detailed guidance in Kent Design. Thereby providing guidance on improving the energy efficiency of homes and promoting more efficient construction methods. Therefore the SPD is likely to have a positive impact on this objective.
19. To sustain economic growth and competitiveness	~	~	~	
20. To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector	~	~	~	

21. To develop and maintain a skilled workforce to support long term competitiveness	~	~	~	
Summary: Generally positive but room in some areas to improve the sustainability appraisal score.				

Key

Symbol	Definition
	Potentially significant beneficial impact
	Policy supports this objective although it is likely to result in only a minor beneficial impact.
()	Uncertain but may result in minor beneficial impacts
~	1. Policy has no impact 2. Effect is neutral insofar as the benefits and drawbacks appear equal and neither is considered sufficient
?	Uncertain or insufficient information on which to determine/base the assessment at this stage
(X)	Uncertain but may result in minor adverse impacts
X	Policy appears to conflict with the objective although it is likely to result in only a minor adverse impact
XX	Potentially significant adverse impact