

### Appendix 3 Summary of Relevant Plans and Policies

Plan/Policy	Summary	SA/SEA Objective
<b>International</b>		
EU (2000) Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC	Establishing a framework for the Community action in the field of water policy	Objective 2 seeks to maintain and enhance water quality and resources in the district.
EU (1992) Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora	The Regulations place a duty on the Secretary of State to propose a list of sites which are important for either habitats or species (listed in Annexes I and II of the Habitats Directive respectively) to the European Commission	Objective 1 seeks to protect and enhance biodiversity including natural habitat and protected species in the district.  Objective 6 seeks to minimise the impact on landscape and townscape.
EU Directive 79/409/EEC on the Conservation of Wild Birds	The Regulations provide for the control of potentially damaging operations, whereby consent from the country agency may only be granted once it has been shown through appropriate assessment that the proposed operation will not adversely affect the integrity of the site	Objective 1 seeks to protect and enhance biodiversity including natural habitat and protected species in the district.
EU Directive 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe		
EU Directive 91/0676/EEC on		
<b>National</b>		
National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2021	Contains objectives and policies that relate specifically to minerals.	Objective 11 seeks to conserve mineral resources in the district, by safeguarding primary aggregates and encouraging the use of recycled aggregates where possible.

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Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (2015)	Sets out the government' planning policy for traveller sites to promote and increase site provision and facilities with due regard to local circumstances of the settled community, amenity and environment.	All objectives are relevant.
The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003	The purpose of the Directive is to establish a framework for the protection of inland source waters (rivers and lakes), transitional waters (estuaries), coastal waters and groundwater. It will ensure that all aquatic ecosystems and, with regard to their water needs, terrestrial ecosystems and wetlands meet 'good status' by 2015.	This SA/SEA does not have the scope for a detailed WFD Assessment. The SA/SEA objective 2 incorporates the basic requirements of the WFD.
Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 as amended (Habitats Regulations)	The purpose of the regulations is to protect Habitats and Species of international importance. Nutrient Neutrality is also considered under these regulations.	SA/SEA objective 5(a) specifically considered impacts on biodiversity. A separate HRA has been carried out for the LPR.
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)	The principle mechanism for the legislative protection of wildlife in Great Britain	SA/SEA objective 5(a) specifically considered impacts on biodiversity.
Clean Air Strategy (2019)	Sets out the Government's plans for dealing with all sources of air pollution	SA/SEA objective 6(a) seeks to improve air quality
<b>Sub-Regional</b>		
Reading Local Plan	The Local Plan documents set out the vision, objective, spatial strategy and core policies for meeting local requirements for housing, employment and community infrastructure, including the policy framework for decision making on planning applications in the relevant authority areas.	All objectives are relevant
Bracknell Local Plan		
Wokingham Local Plan		
Windsor and Maidenhead Local Plan		
Slough Local Plan		
North Wessex Downs AONB Management Plan (2019 - 2024)	The management plan sets out the aims and objectives for maintaining and enhancing the distinctive landscape character of the AONB.	Objective 6 seeks to minimise the impact on landscape character.

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Environment Agency Thames Basin District River Basin Management Plan (2015 and updated 2022)	The primary document for delivering the Water Framework Directive. It sets out the challenges that threaten the water environment and, how these challenges can be managed.	Objective 9(b) seeks to sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment
<b>Local</b>		
Minerals and Waste Local Plan ( <i>Due for adoption Dec 2022</i> )	The MWLP sets out the planning policy framework for Minerals and Waste development in the district. The plan includes strategic policies, site allocations and development management policies.	All objectives are relevant
Neighbourhood Plans	<p>Neighbourhood Plans establish general planning policies for the development of land in a neighbourhood (defined as a parish in this context).</p> <p>West Berkshire has two made plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stratfield Mortimer</li> <li>• Compton, and</li> </ul> <p>Seven parishes have been designated as Neighbourhood Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tilehurst,</li> <li>• Burghfield,</li> <li>• Cold Ash,</li> <li>• Hungerford,</li> <li>• Hermitage</li> <li>• Lambourn,</li> <li>• Newbury</li> </ul> <p>Neighbourhood plans cannot consider minerals and waste matters.</p>	All of the objectives may be relevant with respect to the development of land within areas where a neighbourhood plan is in place.

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<p>Local Transport Plan (2011 – 2026)</p> <p><i>Currently under review.</i></p>	<p>The LTP sets out a range of policies that will determine how transport is provided within the district. The LTP identifies key problems and opportunities in the district which include: Increasing travel choices, supporting the economy, managing peak time congestion, promoting accessibility, carbon reduction and climate change, improving air quality, maintaining and improving the highway network, promoting safe and health travel, supporting freight movements and cross-boundary working.</p> <p>Of particular relevance to the Minerals and Waste Plan are the movements of freight and the impact of HGVs on the strategy transport network, congestion and carbon emissions.</p>	<p>Objective 10 seeks to promote sustainable transport of minerals and waste in the district.</p> <p>Objective 8 looks to support adaptability to climate change.</p>
<p>Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (2022 - 2027)</p>	<p>The strategy specifies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• risk management authorities within that area;</li> <li>• their flood and coastal erosion risk management functions and objectives for managing flood risk;</li> <li>• measures proposed to achieve those objectives;</li> <li>• how and when the measures are expected to be implemented;</li> <li>• costs, benefits and funding sources;</li> <li>• assessment of local flood risk;</li> <li>• how and when the strategy is to be reviewed; and</li> <li>• how the strategy contributes to the wider environmental objectives.</li> </ul>	<p>Objective 3 seeks to minimise the risk and impact of flooding</p>
<p>Council Housing Strategy (2020 – 2036)</p>	<p>The strategy has two main priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enable every resident to have access to a home that meets their needs</li> <li>2. Reduce homelessness</li> </ol>	<p>SA/SEA Objective 1 considers meeting local housing needs.</p>

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Council Strategy (2019 – 2023) refreshed 2021	<p>The strategy lists 10 Core Business Areas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Protecting our Children</li> <li>2. Supporting Education</li> <li>3. Ensuring the wellbeing of older people</li> <li>4. Maintaining our roads</li> <li>5. Collecting your bins and keeping the streets clean</li> <li>6. Prioritising benefits</li> <li>7. Collecting Council tax and business rates</li> <li>8. Planning and housing</li> <li>9. Culture, leisure and libraries</li> <li>10. Economic development.</li> </ol>	<p>The following SA/SEA objectives support the strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objective 1 (housing)</li> <li>• Objective 2 (health, safety, wellbeing and inequality)</li> <li>• Objective 3 (access to community infrastructure)</li> <li>• Objective 5 (the natural, built and historic environment)</li> <li>• Objective 10 (the economy)</li> </ul>
Environment Strategy (2020 – 2030)	<p>The strategy includes the following Strategic Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carbon neutral by 2030</li> <li>• Responsible economic growth</li> <li>• Healthy communities</li> <li>• Resilient to climate change</li> <li>• Working with our communities and partners</li> </ul>	<p>The following SA/SEA objectives support the strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objective 2 (health, safety, wellbeing and inequality)</li> <li>• Objective 9 (Climate change)</li> <li>• Objective 10 (the economy)</li> </ul>
Newbury Air Quality Action Plan (2011)	<p>The plan contains measures to improve air quality in Newbury</p>	<p>SA/SEA objective 6(a) seeks to improve air quality</p>