

**SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL REPORT  
FOR THE  
'RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE'  
SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

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## **LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

DPD	Development Plan Document
LDF	Local Development Framework
SA	Sustainability Appraisal
SCI	Statement of Community Involvement
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SF	Sustainability Framework
SR	Sustainability Report
SPD	Supplementary Planning Document

## **NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY**

The Council is currently preparing a 'Recreation and Open Space' Supplementary Planning Document, which will provide guidance regarding the local recreation standard and explain the Council's requirements for the provision of recreation facilities and open spaces in new developments.

The Council is required to assess how they will apply the principles of sustainable development to the Supplementary Planning Document. This must be assessed by undertaking a Sustainability Appraisal. The purpose of a Sustainability Appraisal is to promote sustainable development through the integration of social, environmental and economic considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans.

The first stage of the appraisal process was the production of a Scoping Report which sets out the framework for assessing the sustainability of the effects the Supplementary Planning Document will have. The Scoping Report was published for consultation in January 2007 and the comments received have been incorporated into this report.

The second stage is the preparation of this Sustainability Appraisal Report. This includes the appraisal of the effects of the Recreation and Open Space Supplementary Planning Document as well as the appraisal of the effects of not providing a Supplementary Planning Document and relying on existing planning policies.

The results show that relying on existing planning policy does not have a negative effect on sustainability. However, providing a Supplementary Planning Document has a more significant positive effect. The positive effect of the Supplementary Planning Document is that it provides further detailed guidance on the types of contributions required from developers to meet local needs, which the existing policies do not provide.

Further appraisal of the Supplementary Planning Document resulted in two recommendations for change to the document:

- The SPD should include reference to the availability of the facilities to the public.
- The SPD should include reference to the protection of biodiversity.

These changes will maximise the benefits of the Supplementary Planning Document and contribute to delivering sustainable development.

The Supplementary Planning Document will be monitored through the Annual Monitoring Report to identify any unforeseen effects and to enable remedial action to be taken if necessary.

## **SECTION 1**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.1 Background**

- 1.1.1 In January 2007, the Council published a Scoping Report for the Sustainability Appraisal of the 'Recreation and Open Space' Supplementary Planning Document. The aim of the Scoping Report was to set out a framework for assessing the sustainability of the impacts of the Supplementary Planning Document in terms of potential social, environmental and economic impacts.
- 1.1.2 Consultation took place for the statutory five weeks and the comments received have been incorporated in the Scoping Report.
- 1.1.3 Subsequently, the Council carried out a Sustainability Appraisal to ensure the Supplementary Planning Document encourages sustainable development and a better quality of life, now and for future generations. This document forms the Final Sustainability Appraisal Report for the draft Supplementary Planning Document.

#### **1.2 Recreation and Open Space Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**

- 1.2.1 The Recreation and Open Space SPD will form the new recreation and open space standard for North East Derbyshire. It will set out further detail and guidance in support of the policies contained within the North East Derbyshire Local Plan (2005). When the final SPD is adopted by the authority it will form a material consideration in the determination of applications for planning permission made to the authority.
- 1.2.2 The main purpose of the SPD is to provide guidance regarding the local recreation standard and explain the Council's requirements for the provision of recreation facilities and open spaces in new developments. It is important to protect both existing facilities and to ensure that new developments provide new recreation facilities and open spaces, or enhance the quality of existing facilities by contributing a financial sum to upgrade existing facilities where appropriate.
- 1.2.3 The draft objectives of the Supplementary Planning Document are:
1. to ensure the district has sufficient provision of recreation facilities and open spaces for existing and future residents.
  2. to ensure that the recreation facilities and open spaces in the district are safe, attractive, accessible and useable spaces, which are well maintained and community friendly.
  3. to protect the existing level of recreation facilities and open spaces in the District.
  4. to contribute to sustainable development objectives by providing facilities that are accessible by means other than the private car.

5. to support sustainable development objectives by protecting open spaces that contribute to the form and character of settlements and the wider landscape, the enhancement of biodiversity and natural resources, the health of communities and the quality of life.

1.2.4 The objectives are subject to the consultation process on the draft SPD and will be refined to reflect the input from consultees.

### **1.3 Sustainability Appraisal**

1.3.1 Sustainability Appraisals (SA) are a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (Section 39(2)) and must be undertaken for new and revised Development Plans Documents (DPDs) or Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). The purpose of a Sustainability Appraisal is to promote sustainable development through the integration of social, environmental and economic considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans.

1.3.2 When preparing DPDs and SPDs Local Planning Authorities must also undertake an environmental assessment in accordance with the requirements of European Directive 2001/42/EC, 'Assessment of the Effects of Certain Plans and Programmes on the Environment' (the Strategic Environmental Assessment or 'SEA Directive'). Appendix 1 outlines the requirements of the Directive and signposts relevant sections of the Sustainability Appraisal Report where these requirements are fulfilled. The Directive was transposed into UK law by the Environmental Assessment Regulations for Plans and Programmes, July 2004 (the SEA Regulations).

1.3.3 The SEA Directive is focused primarily on environmental effects, whilst the SA process encompasses the assessment of social, environmental and economic effects. Although the requirements of SA and SEA are distinct, it is possible to incorporate the requirements of SEA into the SA process. The Government has published the following guidance: 'Sustainability Appraisal of Regional Spatial Strategies and Local Development Documents', ODPM (November 2005) which offers advice about how to undertake SA and meet the requirements of the 2004 Act and SEA Directive.

1.3.4 Throughout the remainder of this report where reference is made to Sustainability Appraisal (SA) or the SA Report, it denotes sustainability appraisal under the 2004 Act, incorporating the requirements of the SEA Directive.

## **SECTION 2**

### **APPRAISAL METHODOLOGY**

#### **2.1 Introduction**

- 2.1.1 The ODPM guidance<sup>1</sup> provides detail on the process of carrying out a Sustainability Appraisal. The first part of this process (stage A) has been undertaken as part of the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report which was published for consultation in January 2007. This report also included the testing of the Supplementary Planning Document objectives with the Sustainability Appraisal objectives, which demonstrated that there is no conflict between the two.
- 2.1.2 The next stages require the assessment of alternative options for delivering the plan objectives against the sustainability framework, and the assessment of the sustainability effects of the preferred option. The Sustainability Appraisal must also include mitigation measures to prevent, reduce and offset significant adverse effects of implementing the Supplementary Planning Document.
- 2.1.3 The sustainability appraisal framework is set out in section 2.2 and the plan options in section 2.3. The assessment of the alternative plan options is set out in section 3.1 and the assessment of the effects of the preferred options in section 3.2. The mitigation measures can be found in section 3.3.

#### **2.2 Sustainability Appraisal Objectives**

- 2.2.1 During stage A of the sustainability appraisal process, a Sustainability Appraisal Framework was developed, consisting of objectives and criteria. The Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report outlines stage A, during which eight sustainability objectives and 15 criteria have been defined. In light of the responses received during public consultation on the Scoping Report, another sustainability objective was identified, along with another criterion. This resulted in a revised Sustainability Appraisal Framework. The revised Framework is presented in table 1 below. It reflects the sustainability objectives of the relevant plans and programmes, the relevant baseline information and the key issues apparent.

<b>Table 1 Sustainability Appraisal Framework</b>	
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Criteria</b>
1. To improve health and reduce health inequalities	C1 Will the SPD help to promote healthy lifestyles? C2 Will the SPD reduce health inequalities?
2. To provide better opportunities for people to value and enjoy the district's heritage and participate in cultural and recreational activities	C3 Will the SPD increase the number of people in the district's towns and villages within 5 minutes walking distance of green space and children's play areas, and within 10

<sup>1</sup> Sustainability Appraisal of Regional Spatial Strategies and Local Development Documents, ODPM (November 2005)

	minutes walking distance of youth facilities and outdoor sport pitches? C4 Will the SPD improve the condition of recreation facilities and open space in the district? C5 Will the SPD help improve access to recreation facilities and open space?
3. To improve community safety, reduce crime and the fear of crime	C6 Will the SPD provide safer recreation facilities and open spaces? C7 Will the SPD help to create recreation facilities and open space where people feel safe?
4. To promote and support the development and growth of social interaction within the district	C8 Will the SPD provide opportunities for recreational activities and organisations? C9 Will the SPD help maintain and enhance the vitality of the district's communities?
5. To increase biodiversity levels across the district	C10 Will the SPD help to protect and improve the district's biodiversity?
6. To protect and enhance the rich diversity of natural, cultural and built environmental and archaeological assets of the district	C11 Will the SPD help to maintain or enhance local distinctiveness and diversity? C12 Will the SPD protect recreation facilities and open space? C13 Will the SPD improve the appearance of built-up areas in the district's towns and villages?
7. To make efficient use of existing transport infrastructure, help reduce the need to travel by car, and improve accessibility to jobs and services for all	C14 Will the SPD reduce the distances people need to travel to recreation facilities and open space?
8. To provide physical conditions for a modern economic structure, including infrastructure to support the use of new technologies	C15 Will it help to improve the physical attractiveness of the district for businesses?
9. To manage prudently the natural resources of the district	C16 Will the SPD help to reduce overall levels of flood risk?

## 2.3 **Plan Options**

2.3.1 One of the requirements of a Sustainability Appraisal is to compare different plan options. This would highlight any potential implications for sustainability. The appraisal of the options also provides recommendations for the mitigation of negative impacts and suggestions for modifications to the preferred option.

2.3.2 To contribute to sustainable development, it is essential for the proposed Supplementary Planning Document to set out to improve upon the situation which

would exist if there were no Supplementary Planning Document. Therefore the two different options that are identified are:

**Option 1: Provide additional planning guidance by means of a 'Recreation and Open Space' Supplementary Planning Document**

**Option 2: Rely on existing national, regional and local planning policy**

- 2.3.3 **Option 1** involves the preparation of a 'Recreation and Open Space' Supplementary Planning Document, which will provide additional guidance regarding the local recreation standard and explain the Council's requirements for the provision of recreation facilities and open spaces in new developments. It also includes design advice for recreation facilities and open spaces.
- 2.3.4 The Supplementary Planning Document supplements policies in the North East Derbyshire Local Plan (2005). These policies include policy R1 (Outdoor Recreation Space Standards), R2 (Formal Recreation Facilities), R3 (Urban Green Space), R4 (Allotments), R5 (Providing for Children's Play Space through New Development) and R6 (Proposals for new Outdoor Recreation Uses), which are all set within the Recreation and Leisure chapter of the Local Plan.
- 2.3.5 Adopting the Supplementary Planning Document will give it weight as a material consideration when determining planning applications.
- 2.3.6 **Option 2** is the 'business as usual' option, which would not involve a change from the current policy guidance. The Council would rely on existing national, regional and local planning policy to provide for recreation facilities and open space. This includes Planning Policy Guidance 1, 3 and 17, Circular 05/2005 Planning Obligations, Regional Spatial Strategy for the East Midlands and the North East Derbyshire Local Plan.

## **SECTION 3**

### **APPRAISAL OUTCOMES**

#### **3.1 Appraisal of the Plan Options**

- 3.1.1 Each plan option should be assessed against the Sustainability Appraisal objectives. The findings of the appraisal will help to identify which option does not perform well and can be discarded, or where changes should be made to ensure that negative impacts are minimised and positive impacts enhanced. The likely performance of the options against the sustainability objectives has been recorded as being significantly positive, positive, significantly negative, negative and neutral.
- 3.1.2 Table 2 includes the results of the appraisal of the plan options. The sustainability appraisal of the two plan options indicates that although the performance of option 2 (Rely on existing national, regional and local planning policy) is quite positive, option 1 (Provide additional planning guidance by means of a 'Recreation and Open Space' Supplementary Planning Document) scores significantly better.
- 3.1.3 Relying on existing planning policy does not have a negative effect on any of the sustainability objectives. However, the positive effects will be limited in some cases, such as for sustainability appraisal criteria 5 and 14 than if the Supplementary Planning Document were provided. Providing this document has a significant positive effect on seven sustainability appraisal criteria and a positive effect on nine criteria. Option 2 has a neutral effect on six criteria and a positive effect on ten criteria. Table 3 provides a summary of the sustainability impacts of options 1 and 2.
- 3.1.4 The positive effect of option 1 in comparison to option 2 is that the Supplementary Planning Document provides further guidance on which contributions are asked from developers in terms of providing on-site or off-site facilities or financial contributions towards the upgrading of existing facilities, relevant to the local situation. This will help towards providing sufficient, good quality recreation facilities and open spaces which are situated in a geographically accessible location. The Supplementary Planning Document also provides relevant design guidance regarding general layout, access, equipment, surface and planting, which includes physical access, biodiversity and safety considerations.
- 3.1.5 The Supplementary Planning Document proposed in option 1 has been selected as the Preferred Option and is subject to further assessment.

**Table 2: Appraisal of Plan Options**

<b>Option 1 – Provide additional planning guidance by means of a ‘Recreation and Open Space’ Supplementary Planning Document</b>		
Key for performance:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• significantly positive: ++</li> <li>• positive: +</li> <li>• significantly negative: --</li> <li>• negative: -</li> <li>• neutral: =</li> </ul>		
<b>SA Criteria</b>	<b>Performance</b>	<b>Comments/explanation</b>
C1 Will the SPD help to promote healthy lifestyles?	<b>++</b>	The SPD aims to provide those recreation facilities and open spaces which are specifically needed in the relevant ward, including green spaces, outdoor sport facilities, children’s play spaces and outdoor youth facilities. This will provide local people with increased opportunities to exercise more, which will have a positive effect on their health.  The SPD also actively promotes good quality and accessible facilities, which will encourage people to make full use of them.
C2 Will the SPD reduce health inequalities?	<b>+</b>	The SPD aims to provide recreation facilities and open spaces that are accessible for all in terms of physical accessibility and geographical accessibility. The SPD includes guidelines to achieve this.
C3 Will the SPD increase the number of people in the district’s towns and villages within 5 minutes walking distance of green space and children’s play areas, and within 10 minutes walking distance of youth facilities and outdoor sport pitches?	<b>++</b>	The SPD aims to provide recreation facilities and open spaces that are within 5 minutes walking distance of green spaces and children’s play spaces, and 10 minutes of outdoor youth facilities and outdoor sport facilities.
C4 Will the SPD improve the condition of recreation facilities and open space in the district?	<b>++</b>	The SPD aims to improve the quality of all types of existing recreation facilities and open spaces through financial contributions as part of certain development proposals. Design advice is also given for new facilities.
C5 Will the SPD help improve access to recreation facilities and open space?	<b>++</b>	The SPD aims to provide recreation facilities and open spaces that are accessible for all in terms of physical accessibility and geographical accessibility. The SPD includes guidelines to achieve this
C6 Will the SPD provide safer recreation facilities and open spaces?	<b>+</b>	The SPD provides additional information about the design of new recreation facilities and open space, including secured by design principles.
C7 Will the SPD help to create recreation facilities and open space where people feel safe?	<b>++</b>	The SPD aims to improve the quality of existing recreation facilities and open spaces. It also encourages the designing out of crime at new

		facilities
C8 Will the SPD provide opportunities for recreational activities and organisations?	+ / ++	The SPD provides additional guidance to explain the Local Plan policies on the protection of existing facilities and aims to create new recreation facilities and open spaces through new developments
C9 Will the SPD help maintain and enhance the vitality of the district's communities?	+	The SPD aims to provide recreation facilities and open spaces that contribute to the form and character of settlements and the health of communities. It provides design guidelines for new facilities. The SPD also provides additional guidance to explain the Local Plan policies on the protection of existing facilities.
C10 Will the SPD help to protect and improve the district's biodiversity?	+	The SPD aims to provide recreation facilities that contribute to the enhancement of biodiversity and natural resources. It includes design guidelines for new facilities which also address biodiversity issues. However, it does not specifically address the protection of biodiversity.
C11 Will the SPD help to maintain or enhance local distinctiveness and diversity?	+	The SPD aims to provide recreation facilities and open spaces that contribute to the form and character of settlements and the wider landscape. It provides design guidelines for new facilities. The SPD also provides additional guidance to explain the Local Plan policies on the protection of existing facilities.
C12 Will the SPD protect recreation facilities and open space?	++	The SPD provides additional guidance to explain the Local Plan policies on the protection of existing facilities.
C13 Will the SPD improve the appearance of built-up areas in the district's towns and villages?	+	The SPD aims to provide recreation facilities and open spaces that contribute to the form and character of settlements. It provides design guidelines for new facilities.
C14 Will the SPD reduce the distances people need to travel to recreation facilities and open space?	++	The SPD aims to provide recreation facilities and open spaces that are within 5 minutes walking distance of green spaces and children's play spaces, and 10 minutes of outdoor youth facilities and outdoor sport facilities.
C15 Will it help to improve the physical attractiveness of the district for businesses?	+	The SPD aims to provide recreation facilities and open spaces that contribute to the form and character of settlements and the wider landscape, which will have an effect on the attractiveness of the district.
C16 Will the SPD help to reduce overall levels of flood risk?	+	The SPD gives design guidance for new facilities, which addresses flood risk

**Option 2 – Rely on existing national, regional and local planning policy**

Key for performance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• significantly positive: ++</li> <li>• positive: +</li> <li>• significantly negative: --</li> <li>• negative: -</li> <li>• neutral: =</li> </ul>		
SA Criteria	Performance	Comments/explanation
C1 Will the existing policies help to promote healthy lifestyles?	+	<p>Local Plan policy aims to provide children’s play spaces, but as such will not provide those facilities specifically needed in the relevant ward.</p> <p>For certain development proposals, the policy will seek a financial contribution towards upgrading existing children’s play spaces, but not towards upgrading other facilities.</p> <p>The policy does not include any reference to geographical accessibility of recreation facilities.</p>
C2 Will the existing policies reduce health inequalities?	=	<p>Local Plan policy aims to bring about more accessible environments to meet the needs of people with disabilities.</p> <p>The policy does not include any reference to geographical accessibility of recreation facilities.</p>
C3 Will the existing policies increase the number of people in the district’s towns and villages within 5 minutes walking distance of green space and children’s play areas, and within 10 minutes walking distance of youth facilities and outdoor sport pitches?	=	<p>The policy does not include any reference to geographical accessibility of recreation facilities and increasing the number of people living within walking distance of the facilities</p>
C4 Will the existing policies improve the condition of recreation facilities and open space in the district?	+	<p>For certain development proposals, the policy will seek a financial contribution towards upgrading existing children’s play spaces, but not towards upgrading other facilities</p>
C5 Will the existing policies help improve access to recreation facilities and open space?	=	<p>Local Plan policy aims to bring about more accessible environments to meet the needs of people with disabilities. However these are not specific guidelines for recreation facilities.</p> <p>The policy does not include any reference to geographical accessibility of recreation facilities.</p>
C6 Will the existing policies provide safer recreation facilities and open spaces?	+	<p>The designing out of crime is encouraged in existing policy</p>
C7 Will the existing policies help to create recreation facilities and open space where people feel safe?	+	<p>The designing out of crime is encouraged in existing policy</p>

C8 Will the existing policies provide opportunities for recreational activities and organisations?	+	Local Plan policies protect all types of existing facilities. They also create new children's play spaces through new developments, but as such will not necessarily provide those facilities specifically needed in the relevant ward.
C9 Will the existing policies help maintain and enhance the vitality of the district's communities?	= / +	Local Plan policies protect existing facilities which contribute to the character of settlements. It does however not contain any detailed guidance for new facilities.
C10 Will the existing policies help to protect and improve the district's biodiversity?	= / +	Existing policies protect and manage biodiversity features. The Council also has a biodiversity duty. A Greenprint is currently being prepared which will aim to improve biodiversity. There are no specific policies for improving biodiversity in relation to recreation facilities
C11 Will the existing policies help to maintain or enhance local distinctiveness and diversity?	+	Local Plan policies protect existing facilities which contribute to the character of settlements. It does however not contain any guidance for new facilities.
C12 Will the existing policies protect recreation facilities and open space?	+	Local Plan policies protect all types of existing facilities.
C13 Will the existing policies improve the appearance of built-up areas in the district's towns and villages?	=	There are no specific guidelines in the policies on the improvements of the built-up areas through recreation facilities and open spaces
C14 Will the existing policies reduce the distances people need to travel to recreation facilities and open space?	=	The policy does not include any reference to geographical accessibility of recreation facilities or the distances people need to travel
C15 Will the existing policies help to improve the physical attractiveness of the district for businesses?	=	There are Local Plan policies to protect Countryside, improve accessibility, provide for adequate housing and employment land. There are no specific design guidelines on how recreation and open space can contribute to providing an attractive district.
C16 Will the existing policies help to reduce overall levels of flood risk?	+	Planning policies address flood risk

**Table 3: Summary of Appraisal of Plan Options**

<b>SA Criteria</b>	<b>SPD</b>	<b>No SPD</b>
C1 Will the SPD help to promote healthy lifestyles?	++	+
C2 Will the SPD reduce health inequalities?	+	=
C3 Will the SPD increase the number of people in the district's towns and villages within 5 minutes walking distance of green space and children's play areas, and within 10 minutes walking distance of youth facilities and outdoor sport pitches?	++	=
C4 Will the SPD improve the condition of recreation facilities and open space in the district?	++	+
C5 Will the SPD help improve access to recreation facilities and open space?	++	=
C6 Will the SPD provide safer recreation facilities and open spaces?	+	+
C7 Will the SPD help to create recreation facilities and open space where people feel safe?	++	+
C8 Will the SPD provide opportunities for recreational activities and organisations?	+ / ++	= / +
C9 Will the SPD help maintain and enhance the vitality of the district's communities?	+	= / +
C10 Will the SPD help to protect and improve the district's biodiversity?	+	+
C11 Will the SPD help to maintain or enhance local distinctiveness and diversity?	+	+
C12 Will the SPD protect recreation facilities and open space?	++	+
C13 Will the SPD improve the appearance of built-up areas in the district's towns and villages?	+	=
C14 Will the SPD reduce the distances people need to travel to recreation facilities and open space?	++	=
C15 Will it help to improve the physical attractiveness of the district for businesses?	+	=
C16 Will the SPD help to reduce overall levels of flood risk?	+	+
Key for performance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• significantly positive: ++</li> <li>• positive: +</li> <li>• significantly negative: --</li> <li>• negative: -</li> <li>• neutral: =</li> </ul>		

## **3.2 Appraisal of the Preferred Option**

- 3.2.1 Table 4 includes the assessment of the preferred option in greater detail, looking at the baseline situation, predicted effects and providing a justification for the assessment on the likelihood, scale, permanence and timing of the effects. It also provides recommendations for mitigation measures. The Council's preferred option is to provide additional planning guidance by means of a 'Recreation and Open Space' Supplementary Planning Document.
- 3.2.2 The sustainability appraisal of the preferred option (table 4) clearly demonstrates that the Supplementary Planning Document makes an overall positive contribution to the Sustainability Objectives. The following significantly beneficial effects of the draft SPD were identified:
- Provision for healthy lifestyles through providing the means to exercise
  - More people will be in walking distance of recreation facilities and open spaces
  - The condition of recreation facilities and open spaces will be improved
  - The geographical and physical access to recreation facilities and open spaces will be improved
  - Contributions to the creation of recreation facilities and open spaces where people feel safe
  - Protection of the existing level of recreation facilities and open spaces
- 3.2.3 This option performs better overall in sustainability terms. The effects will be permanent, district wide and particularly evident in the medium to long term, as implementation will take place over time. The likelihood that the effects will happen is high or medium.

**Table 4: Appraisal of the Preferred Option: Provide additional planning guidance by means of a ‘Recreation and Open Space’ Supplementary Planning Document**

<b>Preferred Option: Provide additional planning guidance by means of a ‘Recreation and Open Space’ Supplementary Planning Document</b>					
<b>SA Criteria</b> (see table 1)	Key for performance:				
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• significantly positive: ++</li> <li>• positive: +</li> <li>• significantly negative: --</li> <li>• negative: -</li> <li>• neutral: =</li> </ul>			
	<b>Summary of baseline situation<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>SA Indicator</b>	<b>Predicted Effects</b>		<b>Justification for assessment, including Likelihood of effect occurring; Geographical scale of effect; Permanence; Timing; Recommendation for mitigation</b>
			<b>Nature of effect</b>	<b>Performance</b>	
C1 Will the SPD help to promote healthy lifestyles?	<p>The general health of the population is good, but there are more obese adults in the district than nationwide.</p> <p>21% of adults participating in at least 30 minutes moderate intensity sport and active recreation on 3 or more days a week</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General health of population</li> <li>• Obese adults</li> <li>• Obese children</li> <li>• % of adults participating in at least 30 minutes moderate intensity sport and active recreation on 3 or more days a week</li> <li>• Children’s play time a week</li> <li>• Quality of life</li> </ul>	The SPD will indirectly provide for healthy lifestyles through providing the means to exercise.	++	<p>The SPD will provide sufficient and good quality recreation facilities, which will give people the means to exercise.</p> <p>Likelihood: medium Scale: district wide Permanence: permanent Timing: medium/long term Recommendation: None required</p>
C2 Will the SPD reduce health inequalities?	<p>There are more obese adults in the district than nationwide.</p> <p>21% of adults participating in at least 30 minutes moderate intensity sport and active recreation on 3 or more days a week</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % population in 20% most deprived Super Output Areas</li> <li>• Obese adults</li> <li>• Obese children</li> <li>• % of adults participating in at least 30 minutes</li> </ul>	The SPD will indirectly reduce health inequalities by providing accessible recreation facilities	+	<p>The SPD includes design guidance to make new facilities physically accessible.</p> <p>The SPD also includes measures which aim to provide recreation facilities in appropriate locations wherever possible, which are within walking distance of people’s homes and</p>

<sup>2</sup> Detailed baseline situation can be found in the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report for the Recreation and Open Space Supplementary Planning Document

	There are issues in relation to geographical access by foot to recreation facilities and open spaces	<p>moderate intensity sport and active recreation on 3 or more days a week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % of population living within preferred walking distance of recreation and open space</li> </ul>			<p>therefore geographically accessible.</p> <p>The SPD does not include any reference to the availability of the facilities.</p> <p>Likelihood: medium Scale: district wide Permanence: permanent Timing: medium/long term Recommendation: The SPD should include reference to the availability of the facilities to the public.</p>
C3 Will the SPD increase the number of people in the district's towns and villages within 5 minutes walking distance of green space and children's play areas, and within 10 minutes walking distance of youth facilities and outdoor sport pitches?	There are issues in relation to geographical access by foot to recreation facilities and open spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % of population living within preferred walking distance of recreation and open space</li> </ul>	The SPD will ensure that more people will be in walking distance of recreation facilities and open spaces	++	<p>The SPD includes measures which aim to provide recreation facilities in the appropriate locations wherever possible, as part of development proposals.</p> <p>Likelihood: high Scale: district wide Permanence: permanent Timing: medium/long term Recommendation: None required</p>
C4 Will the SPD improve the condition of recreation facilities and open space in the district?	<p>The quality of green spaces is average / good. The quality of outdoor sport facilities, children's play spaces and outdoor youth facilities is poor / average.</p> <p>Three parks are considered to be up to Green Flag Award standard.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality assessments</li> <li>• Quality opinions</li> <li>• Amount of eligible open spaces managed to Green Flag Award standard</li> <li>• Number of developments that have been awarded Secure by Design Award</li> </ul>	The SPD will improve the condition of recreation facilities and open spaces	++	<p>The SPD includes design guidance to design high quality new facilities.</p> <p>In some cases, the SPD requires financial contributions of developers for the upgrading of existing recreation facilities and open spaces.</p> <p>Likelihood: high Scale: district wide</p>

	One development has been awarded the Secure by Design Award.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children's play time a week</li> </ul>			<p>Permanence: permanent Timing: short/medium/long term Recommendation: None required</p>
C5 Will the SPD help improve access to recreation facilities and open space?	<p>There are issues in relation to geographical access by foot to recreation facilities and open spaces.</p> <p>There are also some issues in relation to physical access to facilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>% of population living within preferred walking distance of recreation and open space</li> <li>Quality assessments</li> <li>Children's play time a week</li> </ul>	The SPD will improve both physical and geographical access to recreation facilities and open spaces	++	<p>The SPD includes design guidance to make new facilities physically accessible.</p> <p>The SPD also includes measures which aim to provide recreation facilities in appropriate locations wherever possible, which are within walking distance of people's homes and therefore geographically accessible.</p> <p>Likelihood: high Scale: district wide Permanence: permanent Timing: medium/long term Recommendation: None required</p>
C6 Will the SPD provide safer recreation facilities and open spaces?	<p>North East Derbyshire District Council is below the most similar Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership family average from criminal damage and arson.</p> <p>Police calls for service to report anti-social behaviour increased slightly between early 2005 and early 2006.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crime damage and arson</li> <li>Police 'Calls for Service': police recorded anti-social behaviour</li> <li>Perception of safety of recreation facilities and open spaces</li> </ul>	The SPD will contribute to providing safer recreation facilities and open spaces.	+	<p>The SPD provides guidance about the design of new recreation facilities and open spaces, including secure by design principles.</p> <p>The SPD also adopts the safety standards for play equipment and surfaces.</p> <p>Likelihood: medium Scale: district wide Permanence: permanent Timing: medium/long term Recommendation: None required</p>
C7 Will the SPD help to create recreation facilities and open space where people feel safe?	One development has been awarded the Secure by Design Award.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perception of safety of recreation facilities and open spaces</li> <li>Number of developments that have been awarded Secure by Design Award</li> </ul>	The SPD helps to create recreation facilities and open spaces where people feel safe	++	<p>The SPD provides guidance about the design of new recreation facilities and open spaces, including secure by design principles.</p> <p>Likelihood: high Scale: district wide</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children's play time a week</li> </ul>			Permanence: permanent Timing: medium/long term Recommendation: None required
C8 Will the SPD provide opportunities for recreational activities and organisations?	<p>At summer 2005 51.5ha allotments, 156.89ha green spaces, 203.94ha outdoor sport facilities, 6.88ha children's play spaces, 0.35ha outdoor youth facilities were available</p> <p>The quality of green spaces is average / good. The quality of outdoor sport facilities, children's play spaces and outdoor youth facilities is poor / average.</p> <p>5.5% of population volunteering in sport and active recreation for at least one hour a week, which is higher than in the whole of Derbyshire</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quantitative provision of recreation facilities and open spaces, set out as loss of facilities to other uses, and gain of facilities through planning</li> <li>Quality assessments</li> <li>Quality opinions</li> <li>% of population volunteering in sport and active recreation for at least one hour a week</li> </ul>	The SPD will protect existing facilities and create new facilities, which provide opportunities for recreational activities and organisations	+/++	<p>The SPD provides additional guidance to explain the Local Plan policies on the protection of existing facilities. The SPD also includes measures which aim to provide the appropriate recreation facilities in the appropriate locations wherever possible.</p> <p>Likelihood: high          Scale: district wide          Permanence: permanent          Timing: medium/high          Recommendation: None required</p>
C9 Will the SPD help maintain and enhance the vitality of the district's communities?	<p>At summer 2005: 0.53ha/1000 pop allotments; 1.625ha/1000 pop green spaces; 2.11ha/1000 pop outdoor sport facilities; 0.071ha/1000 pop children's play spaces; 0.0035ha/1000 pop outdoor youth facilities.</p> <p>There is a need of 20.34% for green spaces; 28.23 for outdoor sport facilities; 39.62% for children's play space; 61.40% for outdoor youth facilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of recreation facilities and open spaces per 1000 population</li> <li>Need for open spaces and recreation facilities</li> <li>Quality of life</li> </ul>	The SPD will protect existing facilities and create new facilities, which contribute to the vitality of the district's communities.	+	<p>The SPD provides additional guidance to explain the Local Plan policies on the protection of existing facilities. The SPD also includes measures which aim to provide the appropriate recreation facilities in the appropriate locations wherever possible.</p> <p>Likelihood: high          Scale: district wide          Permanence: permanent          Timing: medium/high          Recommendation: None required</p>

C10 Will the SPD help to protect and improve the district's biodiversity?	Recreation facilities and open spaces can contribute to the enhancement of biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Areas of priority habitats and species</li> </ul>	The SPD will contribute to the protection and improve the district's biodiversity	+	<p>The SPD aims to provide recreation facilities that contribute to the enhancement of biodiversity and natural resources, by including design guidelines for new facilities which address biodiversity issues.</p> <p>The SPD does not specifically address the protection of biodiversity.</p> <p>Likelihood: medium Scale: district wide Permanence: permanent Timing: long term Recommendation: The SPD should include reference to the protection of biodiversity.</p>
C11 Will the SPD help to maintain or enhance local distinctiveness and diversity?	<p>At summer 2005 51.5ha allotments, 156.89ha green spaces, 203.94ha outdoor sport facilities, 6.88ha children's play spaces, 0.35ha outdoor youth facilities were available.</p> <p>The quality of green spaces is average / good. The quality of outdoor sport facilities, children's play spaces and outdoor youth facilities is poor / average.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quantitative provision of recreation facilities and open spaces</li> <li>• Quality assessments</li> <li>• Quality opinions</li> <li>• Quality of life</li> </ul>	The SPD will contribute to the maintenance and enhancement of local distinctiveness and diversity.	+	<p>The SPD aims to provide recreation facilities and open spaces that contribute to the form and character of settlements and the wider landscape, by including design guidelines for new facilities.</p> <p>The SPD also provides additional guidance to explain the Local Plan policies on the protection of existing facilities which contribute to the form and character of settlements and the wider landscape .</p> <p>Likelihood: medium Scale: district wide Permanence: permanent Timing: medium/long term Recommendation: None required</p>
C12 Will the SPD protect recreation facilities and open space?	At summer 2005: 51.5ha allotments, 156.89ha green spaces, 203.94ha outdoor sport facilities, 6.88ha children's play spaces, 0.35ha outdoor youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quantitative provision of recreation facilities and open spaces, set out as loss of facilities to other uses, and gain of facilities through</li> </ul>	The SPD will protect the existing level of recreation facilities and open spaces	++	<p>The SPD provides additional guidance to explain the Local Plan policies on the protection of existing facilities</p> <p>Likelihood: high Scale: district wide</p>

	facilities.	planning			Permanence: permanent Timing: short/medium/long term Recommendation: None required
C13 Will the SPD improve the appearance of built-up areas in the district's towns and villages?	The quality of green spaces is average / good. The quality of outdoor sport facilities, children's play spaces and outdoor youth facilities is poor / average.  Three parks are considered up to Green Flag Award standard.  One development has been awarded the Secure by Design Award.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quality assessments</li> <li>Quality opinions</li> <li>Quality of life</li> <li>Amount of eligible open spaces managed to Green Flag Award standard</li> <li>Number of developments that have been awarded Secure by Design Award</li> </ul>	The SPD will contribute to the improvement of the appearance of built-up areas in the district's towns and villages.	+	The SPD aims to provide recreation facilities and open spaces that contribute to the form and character of settlements, by including design guidelines for new facilities.  Likelihood: medium Scale: district wide Permanence: permanent Timing: medium/long term Recommendation: None required
C14 Will the SPD reduce the distances people need to travel to recreation facilities and open space?	There are issues in relation to geographical access by foot to recreation facilities and open spaces.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>% of population living within preferred walking distance of recreation and open space</li> </ul>	More people will be in walking distance of recreation facilities and open spaces	++	The SPD includes measures which aim to provide recreation facilities in the appropriate locations wherever possible, as part of development proposals.  Likelihood: high Scale: district wide Permanence: permanent Timing: medium/long term Recommendation: None required
C15 Will it help to improve the physical attractiveness of the district for businesses?	39.26ha of employment land has been developed between 1991 and 2006. The structure plan requirement is 125ha for 1991-2011.  There is a slight increase in the amount of registrations between 2004 and 2005.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amount of developed land</li> <li>Amount of VAT registered businesses</li> </ul>	The SPD will contribute to the physical attractiveness of the district for businesses.	+	The SPD aims to provide recreation facilities and open spaces that contribute to the form and character of settlements and the wider landscape, which will have an effect on the attractiveness of the district  Likelihood: medium Scale: district wide Permanence: permanent Timing: medium/long term Recommendation: None required
C16 Will the	There are issues in terms of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduction of the</li> </ul>	The SPD will help	+	The SPD gives design guidance for new

<p>SPD help to reduce overall levels of flood risk?</p>	<p>flood risk management</p>	<p>number of properties at flood risk</p>	<p>to reduce overall levels of flood risk.</p>		<p>facilities, which encourages open spaces to be functional for the management of flood risk where appropriate</p> <p>Likelihood: low  Scale: district wide  Permanence: permanent  Timing: medium/long term  Recommendation: None required</p>
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### 3.3 Mitigation measures

3.3.1 As part of the appraisal process, recommendations have been made for mitigation measures. These measures aim to reduce any adverse effects and maximise the beneficial effects of the Supplementary Planning Document. The proposed mitigation measures and the resulting changes to the Supplementary Planning Document are set out below.

<b>Mitigation measure proposed</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Explanation or change to SPD</b>
The SPD should include reference to the availability of the facilities to the public.	Addressed	Include at para 7.3 of the draft SPD: 'The facilities should be publicly available for everyone to use free of charge. For formal outdoor sport pitches a small fee may be asked.'
The SPD should include reference to the protection of biodiversity.	Addressed	Include in paras 7.4, 7.19, 7.31 and 7.48: 'Where biodiversity is present at the site, this should be protected and incorporated within the design, or mitigation measures be put in place.'

## **SECTION 4**

### **Implementation and Monitoring**

#### **4.1 Supplementary Planning Document Implementation**

- 4.1.1 Consultation on the draft Supplementary Planning Document will be carried out in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement. Any significant changes to the Supplementary Planning Document in light of the consultation will be assessed against the sustainability appraisal objectives.
- 4.1.2 The Supplementary Planning Document will be used for development control purposes as a material consideration when determining planning applications.

#### **4.2 Monitoring**

- 4.2.1 The sustainability Appraisal process requires any significant effects of a Supplementary Planning Document to be monitored to identify unforeseen effects and to enable remedial action to be taken if necessary. Monitoring of the performance of the 'Recreation and Open Space' Supplementary Planning Document will be undertaken through the Annual Monitoring Report. The indicators to be used for this monitoring, are the following:
- Quantitative provision of recreation facilities and open spaces, set out as loss of facilities to other uses, and gain of facilities through planning
  - Number of recreation facilities and open spaces per 1000 population
  - Quality assessment and quality opinions in relation to recreation facilities and open spaces
  - Amount of eligible open spaces managed to Green Flag Award standard
  - % of population living within preferred walking distance of recreation and open space

## Appendix 1

### The SEA Directive's requirements

The SEA Directive requires the preparation of an environmental report in which the likely effects on the environment of implementing the Supplementary Planning Document, and reasonable alternatives taking into account the objectives and geographical scope of the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), are identified, described and evaluated. The following table includes an overview of which information needs to be provided and where it is covered in this Sustainability Appraisal Report:

<b>SEA Requirement</b>	<b>Where covered in this report</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An outline of the contents and main objectives of the SPD and of its relationship with other relevant plans and programmes</li> </ul>	Sections 1.1 and 1.2 of the SA Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A description of the relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without implementation of the SPD</li> </ul>	Section 2.1 of the Scoping Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The environmental characteristics of areas likely to be significantly affected</li> </ul>	Section 2 of the Scoping Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any existing environmental problems relevant to the SPD</li> </ul>	Section 2.3 of the Scoping Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The environmental protection objectives, established at international, European Community and national level which are relevant to the SPD and how those objectives have been taken into account in the preparation of the SPD</li> </ul>	Section 2.2 of the SA Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The likely significant effects on the environment, including on issues such as biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climatic factors, material assets, cultural heritage, landscape and the interrelationship between the above factors.</li> </ul>	Tables 2 and 4 of the SA Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effect on the environment of implementing the SPD</li> </ul>	Section 3.3 of the SA Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with, and a description of how the assessment was undertaken, including any difficulties encountered in compiling the required information</li> </ul>	Sections 2.3, 3.1 and 3.2 of the SA Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A description of measures envisaged concerning monitoring</li> </ul>	Section 4.2 of the SA Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A non-technical summary</li> </ul>	Non-technical summary of the SA Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The report must include the information that may reasonably be required taking into account current knowledge and methods of</li> </ul>	Information included in the SA Report

assessment, the contents and level of detail in the plan or programme, its stage in the decision-making process and the extent to which certain matters are more appropriately assessed at different levels in that process to avoid duplication of the assessment (Art. 5.2)	
<p>Consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorities with environmental responsibility, when deciding on the scope and level of the information to be included in the environmental report (Art. 5.4)</li> <li>• Authorities with environmental responsibility and the public, shall be given an early and effective opportunity within appropriate time frames to express their opinion on the draft plan or programme (Art. 6.1, 6.2)</li> <li>• Other EU member states, where the implementation of the plan or programme is likely to have significant effects on the environment of that country (Art. 7)</li> </ul>	Section 1.5 of the Scoping Report
	Six-week consultation on the Recreation and Open Space SPD and the SA Report
	Not applicable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taking the environmental report and the results of the consultations into account in decision-making (Art. 8)</li> </ul>	To be addressed after consultation
<p>Provision of information on the decision: When the plan or programme is adopted, the public and any countries consulted under Art 7. shall be informed and the following made available to those so informed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The plan or programme as adopted;</li> <li>• A statement summarising how environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan or programme and how the environmental report pursuant to Article 5, the opinions expressed pursuant to Article 6 and the results of consultations entered into pursuant to Article 7 have been taken into account in accordance with Article 8, and the reasons for choosing the plan or programme as adopted, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with; and</li> <li>• The measures decided concerning monitoring (Art. 9 and 10)</li> </ul>	To be addressed after consultation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring of the significant environmental effects of the plan's or programme's implementation (Art. 10)</li> </ul>	Proposed monitoring set out under section 4.2