

Cherwell District Council
Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Opinion
Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document
2nd Consultation Draft, November 2017.

SEA Directive Criteria Schedule 1 of Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004	Summary of significant effects Scope and influence of the document	Is the Plan likely to have a significant environmen tal effect? Y/N
1. Characteristics of the SPD having particular regard to:		
(a) The degree to which the SPD sets out a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size or operating conditions or by allocating resources.	The SPD sets out CDC's approach to seeking developer contributions in relation to planning application decisions. They are normally used where an aspect of the development cannot be controlled by imposing a planning condition or by the use of other statutory controls. The SPD does not allocate resources but it does provide guidance on where resources should be directed.	N
(b) The degree to which the SPD influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy.	The SPD does not influence other development plan documents. The SPD is in general conformity with the Development Plan.	N
(c) The relevance of the SPD for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development.	The SPD promotes sustainable development in accordance with the NPPF and Local Plan policies.	N
(d) Environmental problems relevant to the SPD.	The Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 SA identified a number of objectives for the Plan. The SPD performs positively against these SA objectives as it provides for developer contributions towards infrastructure related to these objectives.	N
(e) The relevance of the SPD for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (for example plans and programmes related to waste management or water protection).	The SPD is not directly relevant to the implementation of environmental plans such as the Oxfordshire Joint Municipal Waste Strategy.	N
2. Characteristics of the effects and area likely to be affected having particular regard to:		

(a)The probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects.	The SPD does not allocate sites or contain formal development plan policies. It adds detail to the adopted Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 which was subject to an SA.	N
(b)The cumulative nature of the effects of the SPD.	The SPD does not allocate sites or contain formal development plan policies. It adds detail to the adopted Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 which was subject to an SA. The SPD will have a positive contribution as it provides for developer contributions towards infrastructure which will help meet the SA objectives.	N
(c)The trans boundary nature of the effects of the SPD.	A Habitats Regulation Assessment was undertaken for the Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 and concluded that growth in the Local Plan will not lead to any significant effect on the Oxford Meadows Special area of Conservation (SAC) alone or in combination with other projects. The SPD does not allocate sites or contain formal development plan policies. Trans-boundary effects will not be significant.	N
(d)The risks to human health or the environment (e.g. due to accident).	No significant risks to human health or the environment have been identified in the SPD preparation.	N
(e)The magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographic area and size of the population likely to be affected) by the SPD.	The SPD relates to the whole of Cherwell District but it does not allocate sites or contain formal development plan policies.	N
(f)The value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected by the SPD due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special natural characteristics or cultural heritage • Exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values • Intensive land use. 	The SPD does not allocate sites or contain formal development plan policies. It adds detail to the Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 which was subject to a Sustainability Appraisal during its production.	N
(g)The effects of the SPD on areas or landscapes which have recognised national Community or international protected status.	The SPD does not allocate sites or contain formal development plan policies. It adds detail to the Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 which was subject to a sustainability appraisal during its production.	N

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Conclusion of assessment	Is an SEA required? NO
Name of officer approving the Screening Opinion	David Peckford Deputy Manager Planning Policy and Growth Strategy Cherwell District Council
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Summary of responses from statutory consultees

NB Consultation will be undertaken in parallel with the wider Regulation 12 public consultation

Consultee	Summary of response	Date of consultation	Date of response
Environment Agency			
Natural England			
Historic England			