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# Sustainability Appraisal Report

Oswaldkirk Conservation Area Assessment  
and Management Plan  
Supplementary Planning Document

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# 1. Summary

- 1.1 The Oswaldkirk Conservation Area Assessment and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document is being produced to define key elements and characteristics, identify opportunities and threats and to ensure that future management of the Conservation Area is based around these.
- 1.2 Whilst Sustainability Appraisal is no longer required for Supplementary Planning Documents, as the process was started it is logical to complete it.
- 1.3 The Sustainability Appraisal has shown that the Oswaldkirk Conservation Area Assessment and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document will have a positive contribution towards meeting sustainability objectives around conserving and enhancing the historic environment.

## ***Consultation***

- 1.4 This report has been produced to accompany the consultation on the draft Oswaldkirk Conservation Area Assessment and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document and is available as part of the consultation. The report is intended to show the extent to which the Oswaldkirk Conservation Area Assessment and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document will contribute towards meeting sustainability objectives.

## 2. Introduction and Background

### ***Oswaldkirk Conservation Area Assessment and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document***

2.1 Oswaldkirk Conservation Area lies partly within Ryedale District Council and partly within the North York Moors National Park Authority for planning purposes. Whilst the Conservation Area has been designated for some time and its existence influences planning decisions, there is presently no guidance specifically relating to it. Therefore the two Authorities are producing a Conservation Area Assessment and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document for Oswaldkirk Conservation Area.

### ***Sustainability Appraisal***

2.2 When the Authorities embarked upon the production of the Supplementary Planning Document there was a requirement under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 to undertake Sustainability Appraisal of any Supplementary Planning Documents. Whilst this requirement has now been withdrawn (following the enactment of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 and accompanying memorandum) as the Sustainability Appraisal process was begun it is sensible to complete it. Whilst the European Union Directive 2001/42/EC<sup>1</sup> does not require Strategic Environmental Assessment for Supplementary Planning Documents (as there is no *requirement* to produce them) in the interests of good practice Government guidance on Sustainability Appraisal requires Strategic Environmental Assessment to be incorporated. Both processes have been undertaken together and the term Sustainability Appraisal throughout the rest of this report refers to both Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment. Appendix 1 shows the elements of the Sustainability Appraisal which will meet the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive.

2.3 Assessment is required under the Habitats Directive<sup>2</sup>. Habitats Regulations Assessment however follows different principles to Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment and therefore should be undertaken separately, although certain elements such as information gathering and developing options can be undertaken simultaneously and these were integrated at the scoping stage. A separate Habitats Regulations Assessment report is available as part of this consultation. Table 1 shows how the three processes are integrated with the Supplementary Planning Document process.

***Table 1 – Integration of Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment***

<b>SPD Stage</b>	<b>SA/SEA Stage</b>	<b>HRA Stage</b>
Stage 1: Pre-production – Evidence gathering	Stage A: Setting the context and objectives, establishing the baseline and deciding on the scope	Evidence gathering
Stage 2: Production – Prepare draft SPD	Stage B: Developing and refining options and	Establish likely significant effects

<sup>1</sup> Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Assessment of the Effects of Certain Plans and Programmes and Programmes on the Environment

<sup>2</sup> The Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora (Habitats Directive) (Directive 92/43/EEC)

	assessing affects	
	Stage C: Preparing the Sustainability Report	If significant effects are likely undertake the Appropriate Assessment and ascertain the effect on site integrity
Consult on draft SPD	Stage D1: Consulting on draft SPD and Sustainability Appraisal Report	Identify mitigation measures and alternative solutions
Make changes to SPD following consultation	Stage D2: Assess significant changes	Make findings available to the public
		Revisit AA if any substantial changes to SPD
Stage 3: Adoption	Stage D (3): Making decisions and providing information	Publish final AA
	Stage E: Monitoring the significant effects of implementing the SPD	

### **Methodology**

- 2.4 The appraisal has been undertaken in accordance with the methodology set out in *Sustainability Appraisal of Regional Spatial Strategies and Local Development Documents*<sup>3</sup>, as set out in Table 1. The appraisal has been undertaken by planning officers of the North York Moors National Park Authority. To meet the requirements of Stage 1 (scoping) a Scoping Report was produced in September 2007 and was consulted upon with the three statutory bodies (Environment Agency, English Heritage and Natural England). The Scoping Report acknowledged that some Supplementary Planning Documents would relate to settlements which are split by the National Park boundary and the District/Borough Council boundary.
- 2.5 This report shows how stages B and C have been undertaken, and the consultation is being undertaken under stage D1. When the Supplementary Planning Document is adopted a Sustainability Statement which will set out how the Sustainability Appraisal has helped to inform the Supplementary Planning Document, as well as a final version of the Sustainability Report, will be published.

### **Consultation**

- 2.6 Consultation was undertaken on the Scoping Report in September and October 2007 with the three statutory Strategic Environmental Assessment bodies (English Heritage, Environment Agency and Natural England). The Scoping Report was

<sup>3</sup> Sustainability Appraisal of Regional Spatial Strategies and Local Development Documents (ODPM, 2005)

largely based upon the National Park Authority's Core Strategy and Development Policies Scoping Report which had previously been consulted on with a wide range of consultees.

- 2.7 This report is published alongside the draft Oswaldkirk Conservation Area Assessment and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document to help to inform the consultation by highlighting the effects of the Supplementary Planning Document. The findings of the Sustainability Appraisal and the consultation responses will be taken into account when finalising the Supplementary Planning Document. If any significant changes to the Supplementary Planning Document are raised it will be necessary to also carry out Sustainability Appraisal on these changes and this will be documented in the final Sustainability Report.

## 3.0 Baseline and context

- 3.1 The Scoping Report of the North York Moors Core Strategy and Development Policies sets out the baseline information and the sustainability framework and objectives which will be used in undertaking the assessment. Whilst this formed the basis of the Scoping Report which relates to all Conservation Area Supplementary Planning Documents, it is also worth noting the baseline information obtained for Ryedale which is contained in the Ryedale Scoping Report<sup>4</sup>. It is considered that this baseline information is broadly consistent with that for the National Park in terms of establishing sustainability objectives.
- 3.2 As part of the scoping stage other policies, plans and programmes which are relevant to the National Park were reviewed to ensure that the objectives are compatible. In addition, further plans have been added following consultation on the Scoping Report. This is contained in the Final Scoping Report. Additional plans relevant to Ryedale are contained within the Ryedale Scoping Report<sup>4</sup>.
- 3.3 A summary of the baseline information is set out below. These have different degrees of significance in relation to Oswaldkirk Conservation Area.

### *Environmental*

- High value diverse and distinctive landscape
- Level of protection provided to environment and wider landscape is perceived as good
- Significant levels of biodiversity including protected species
- Significant area of the Park is designated as ecologically important (e.g. Special Protection Areas, Special Areas of Conservation and Sites of Special Scientific Interest)
- Wealth of cultural heritage of archaeological and historical value
- Majority of waste generated in the Park is disposed in landfill
- Range of environmental pressures likely to arise as a consequence of global Climate Change (increased flood risk, loss of key habitats, increased risk of uncontrolled moorland fires).

### *Social*

- Outward migration of young people, and in migration of older people
- Range of services and facilities is restricted
- Escalating traffic levels
- Tourism the largest employer and income generator in the National Park
- Increasing access opportunities under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act

### *Economic*

- Exceptionally high house prices often unaffordable to local people
- Employment rates in the Park are good
- Seasonal pattern of employment related to tourism activity
- Agricultural incomes continually threatened through pressures on markets changes in farm support mechanisms and climatic variability
- Diversification of traditional businesses and economic activity

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<sup>4</sup> Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (Ryedale District Council, Revised October 2009)

## 4.0 Sustainability Appraisal Framework

- 4.1 As set out in the Scoping Report, the North York Moors sustainability objectives will be used for any appraisal undertaken by the North York Moors National Park Authority including those which relate to settlements partly within and partly outside the National Park. It is considered that the objectives are broadly consistent with Ryedale's sustainability objectives<sup>5</sup>. The Sustainability Appraisal framework was established initially as part of the Sustainability Appraisal of the North York Moors Core Strategy and Development Policies Development Plan Document. As the sustainability issues have not fundamentally changed during this time the objectives have been carried forward for the purposes of this Sustainability Appraisal, with the inclusion of reference to access to the countryside in objective 11 and amendment to objective 7 to more accurately reflect legislation, as raised through consultation on previous Sustainability Appraisals. In addition, during appraisal of the Core Strategy and Development Policies it became apparent that some objectives contained ambiguous wording and therefore minor amendments were made.
- 4.2 The following sustainability objectives will therefore be used to assess the Oswaldkirk Conservation Area Assessment and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document:
- A. *Environmental*
1. Maintain and enhance the special landscape, local distinctiveness and settlement character.
  2. Minimise pollution releases to levels that do not damage natural systems, human health and quality of life.
  3. Reduce the causes and manage the effects of climate change.
  4. Reduce the risk of flooding, ensuring development and land use changes are not vulnerable to flooding, or increase the risk of flooding elsewhere in a catchment / coastal zone.
  5. Avoid damage to designated sites and protected species. Maintain, and enhance where appropriate, conditions for biodiversity and avoid irreversible losses.
  6. Encourage consumers to meet their needs with less energy input and through the use of renewable energy technologies.
  7. Preserve and enhance the archaeological and historic environment.
  8. Promote concepts of design that improve energy efficiency and apply sustainability principles to resource use.
  9. Encourage waste reduction, reuse, recovery and recycling.
- B. *Social*
10. Protect and enhance human health.

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<sup>5</sup> As contained in the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (Ryedale District Council, Revised October 2009)

11. Protect and enhance access to key community facilities and services, leisure and recreation opportunities and access to the countryside, by means which minimise environmental impacts on the Park and its communities.

12. Ensure that local needs are met locally wherever possible.

*C. Economic*

13. Enable quality employment opportunities available to all that create a vibrant local economy.

14. Maintain and enhance the viability and vitality of local communities.

15. Develop a tourism product that provides sustainable benefits to the local community and its economy.

16. Manage natural resources in a way which sustains their environmental qualities as well as their productive (or economic) potential.

## 5.0 Appraisal

5.1 The sustainability objectives have been used to assess the sustainability of the draft Supplementary Planning Document. This report documents the appraisal and will be used, along with consultation responses, to help further inform development of the Supplementary Planning Document.

### **Local Plan Policy**

5.2 The Supplementary Planning Document will relate to the following policies:

- North York Moors Core Strategy and Development Policies (2008)<sup>6</sup>                      Core Policy G: Landscape, Design and Historic Assets  
Development Policy 4: Conservation Areas
- Ryedale Local Plan (2002):                      Policy C4 – Trees in Conservation Areas  
Policy C5 – Advertisements in Conservation Areas
- The Yorkshire and Humber Plan<sup>7</sup>:                      Policy ENV9 – Historic Environment
- Planning Policy Statement 5 – Planning and the Historic Environment<sup>8</sup>:                      Section 4 – Conservation Areas
- Planning Policy Statement 1 – Delivering Sustainable Development<sup>9</sup>:                      Paragraphs 13(iv) and 34

5.3 With the exception of the Yorkshire and Humber Plan and the North York Moors Core Strategy and Development Policies the policies above have not been subject to Sustainability Appraisal during their preparation. Each of these must therefore be tested against each of the sustainability objectives. The results of the appraisal, and the full text of the policies, are set out in Appendix 2. This assessment concluded that the above Conservation Area policies are generally consistent with sustainability objectives. In relation to those policies that have previously been subject to Sustainability Appraisal, these assessments revealed similar conclusions although with some uncertainties in relation to climate change objectives.

### **Developing the Supplementary Planning Document Options**

5.4 A requirement of the Sustainability Appraisal process is the testing of alternative options against the Sustainability Appraisal objectives. The purpose of this task is to ensure that the Supplementary Planning Document is achieving its aim of improving on the current situation and is doing this in a sustainable way. As a Supplementary Planning Document should set out to improve the current situation the inclusion of a 'no Supplementary Planning Document' option is advised. All options must be reasonable, realistic and relevant. Each option will be tested against each sustainability objective. Due to the specific remit of a Conservation Area

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<sup>6</sup> Note: The Scoping Report referred to the Local Plan which has since been replaced by the Core Strategy and Development Policies

<sup>7</sup> The Yorkshire and Humber Plan (Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber, 2008)

<sup>8</sup> Planning Policy Statement 5 – Planning and the Historic Environment (Department of the Environment, 1994)

<sup>9</sup> Planning Policy Statement 1 – Delivering Sustainable Development (Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, 2005)

Supplementary Planning Document there are a limited number of options which could usefully be appraised.

The options are:

- Option 1: Rely on existing policies
- Option 2: Produce SPDs for Conservation Areas

5.6 The detailed assessment of the options is contained in Appendix 3. The assessment concluded that:

- Option 1 – Option 1 is generally consistent with meeting the sustainability objectives.
- Option 2 – Whilst Option 1 is generally consistent with meeting the sustainability objectives further guidance on implementing the Conservation Area policies would help to go further towards meeting the sustainability objectives.

From this assessment it can be concluded that Option 2 is the one which is most consistent with meeting the sustainability objectives and therefore this option has been progressed.

### ***Predicting the effects of the Supplementary Planning Document***

5.7 Following the selection of the preferred option the Supplementary Planning Document was drafted. Whilst the Scoping Report states that the objectives of the Supplementary Planning Document would firstly be assessed, no objectives have been set within the Supplementary Planning Document because it was felt that they were not necessary in this instance.

5.8 The Supplementary Planning Document has been assessed against the sustainability appraisal framework. The assessment, in Appendix 4, examines those parts of the Supplementary Planning Document that could have an impact upon the ground (i.e. the Management Guidelines of the Management Plan) but not those parts that are descriptive and will not influence development (i.e. the Conservation Area Assessment). The main conclusions that can be drawn from this are:

- The Supplementary Planning Document will have a positive impact upon sustainability objectives which seek to conserve and enhance settlement character and the historic environment;
- This has indirect (minor) benefits in relation to tourism;
- The Supplementary Planning Document provides guidance on energy efficiency and renewable energy which supports the climate change sustainability objectives. This will help to resolve some potential uncertainties identified in the assessment of adopted policies as set out in paragraph 5.3.

5.9 The cumulative, secondary and synergistic effects of the Supplementary Planning Document must also be considered. Examining the table in Appendix 6 the following effects are considered to fall within these categories:

- Cumulative positive impacts upon the Conservation Area as a whole of promoting actions which will preserve and enhance the Conservation Area.

### ***Evaluating the effects of the Supplementary Planning Document***

5.10 To evaluate the effects the assessment must ascertain whether or not the effects are significant. The following effects are considered to be potentially significant:

- Significant positive impacts upon the Conservation Area as a whole of promoting actions which will preserve and enhance the Conservation Area.

***Mitigation***

5.11 The Sustainability Appraisal must identify mitigation measures which will address the significant effects. No negative significant effects have been identified and therefore it is not necessary to propose any mitigation measures.

## **6.0 Monitoring**

- 6.1 The process of Sustainability Appraisal does not end when a document is adopted, and it is important to monitor the impact of the Supplementary Planning Document. Monitoring undertaken as part of the Annual Monitoring Reports of both authorities will monitor general progress on sustainability across the authorities' areas. Monitoring of the Supplementary Planning Document itself will relate to the completion of those works identified in the Management and Enhancement of the Conservation Area section of the document and also, as stated in paragraph 5.5 of the draft Supplementary Planning Document, through the use of photographic surveys.

## Appendix 1 – Summary of the requirements of the SEA Directive

SEA Requirements	Location
Where an environmental assessment is required an environmental report shall be prepared in which the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the plan or programme, and reasonable alternatives taking into account the objectives and the geographical scope of the plan or programme, are identified, described and evaluated. The information to be given is:	
a. An outline of the contents, main objectives of the plan or programme and relationship with other relevant plans and programmes;	Scoping Report
b. The relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without implementation of the plan or programme;	Scoping Report / Sustainability Report
c. The environmental characteristics of areas likely to be significantly affected;	Scoping Report
d. Any existing environmental problems which are relevant to the plan or programme including, in particular, those relating to any areas of a particular environmental importance, such as areas designated pursuant to Directives 79/409/EEC and 92/43/EEC;	Scoping Report
e. The environmental protection objectives, established at international, Community or Member State level, which are relevant to the plan or programme and the way those objectives and any environmental considerations have been taken into account during its preparation;	Scoping Report
f. The likely significant effects (1) on the environment, including on issues such as biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climatic factors, material assets, cultural heritage including architectural and archaeological heritage, landscape and the interrelationship between the above factors;	Sustainability Report
g. The measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan or programme.	Sustainability Report / Sustainability Statement
h. An outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with, and a description of how the assessment was undertaken including any difficulties (such as technical deficiencies or lack of know-how) encountered in compiling the required information;	Sustainability Report
j. A description of the measures envisaged concerning	Sustainability Report /

monitoring in accordance with Article 10.	Sustainability Statement
k. A non-technical summary of the information provided under the above headings.	Sustainability Report / Sustainability Statement
The report shall include the information that may reasonably be required taking into account current knowledge and methods of 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.	Sustainability Report

### Consultation Requirements

- Authorities with specific environmental responsibilities; shall be consulted when deciding on the scope and level of detail of information which must be included in the environmental report (Article 5.4);
- 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 and accompanying environmental report before adoption of the plan or programme or its submission to the legislative procedure. (Article 6.2)
- Other Member states, where implementation of the Plan is likely to have significant effects on the environment in another Member State (Article 7)

### Provision of information on decision

When a plan or programme is adopted the Authorities with environmental responsibilities and the public are informed and the following items [shall be] made available to those so informed;

- a) The plan or programme as adopted;
- b) A statement summarising how environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan or programme... including reasons for choosing the plan or programme....or programme as adopted, in light of other reasonable alternatives dealt with...and
- c) The measures decided concerning monitoring (Article 9 (1)).

**Monitoring** the significant environmental effects of the plans implementation (Article 10)

## Appendix 2 - Appraisal of relevant Local Plan policies against Sustainability Appraisal Objectives

	Sustainability Objectives																
	Environmental							Social			Economic						
	1. Landscape & settlement character	2. Minimise pollution	3. Climate change	4. Flooding	5. Protected habitats & species	6. Energy conservation	7. Archaeological & historic environment	8. Sustainable design	9. Waste reduction & recycling	10. Human health	11. Access to facilities	12. Provision & retention facilities	13. Quality employment opportunities	14. Viability & vitality communities	15. Sustainable tourism	16. Manage natural resources for economic and environmental	
✓ Positive impact																	
✗ Negative impact																	
U Uncertain Impact																	
○ No link																	
	<b>Ryedale Local Plan 2002</b>																
	Policy C4 – Trees in Conservation Areas	✓	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○
	Policy C5 – Advertisements in Conservation Areas	✓	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○
	<b>Planning Policy Statement 5</b>																
	HE1: Heritage Assets and Climate Change	✓	○	✓	○	○	✓	✓	✓	○	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○
	HE7: Policy principles guiding the determination of applications for consent relating to all heritage assets	✓	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○
	HE10: Additional policy principles guiding the consideration of applications for development affecting the setting of a designated heritage asset	✓	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○
	HE11: Enabling development	✓	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○
	<b>Planning Policy Statement 1</b>																

		Sustainability Objectives																
		Environmental							Social			Economic						
		1. Landscape & settlement character	2. Minimise pollution	3. Climate change	4. Flooding	5. Protected habitats & species	6. Energy conservation	7. Archaeological & historic environment	8. Sustainable design	9. Waste reduction & recycling	10. Human health	11. Access to facilities	12. Provision & retention facilities	13. Quality employment opportunities	14. Viability & vitality communities	15. Sustainable tourism	16. Manage natural resources for economic and environmental	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Positive impact</li> <li>✗ Negative impact</li> <li>U Uncertain Impact</li> <li>○ No link</li> </ul>																		
	Paragraph 13(iv)	✓	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	Paragraph 34	✓	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

## **Ryedale Local Plan (2002)**

### **C4 TREES IN CONSERVATION AREAS**

Within Conservation Areas, the District Council will not permit new development which would result in the loss of trees of high amenity value or the felling or other works to a tree which makes an important contribution to the character of the area.

The District Council will consider making Tree Preservation Orders to protect trees of high amenity value within Conservation Areas.

### **C5 ADVERTISEMENTS WITHIN CONSERVATION AREAS**

Within Conservation Areas, the District Council will require the design of advertisement signs to be of a high standard, therefore:

- (i) Consent will be granted only where the proposal is in scale and character with the building on which it is located and that of surrounding buildings;
- (ii) Illuminated signs will only be permitted where the scale, colour, design and intensity of illumination would not detract from the appearance or character of the Conservation Area; and
- (iii) Where unacceptable advertisements already exist, the District Council will, where appropriate, take discontinuance action to secure their removal.

### Appendix 3 - Assessment of SPD options against Sustainability Objectives

Impact upon sustainability objective:		SPD Options	
		Option 1: Rely on existing policies	Option 2: Produce SPDs for Conservation Areas
n Neutral ✓ Positive impact ✗ Negative impact U Uncertain Impact ○ No link □ Preferred Option			
	1. Maintain and enhance the special landscape, local distinctiveness and settlement character.	✓ Whilst current policies aim to protect the landscape and character, the lack of guidance specific to the Conservation Area makes it more difficult to ensure development is appropriate for that specific area.	✓ The SPD would provide clearer guidance about exactly what would be appropriate in Oswaldkirk Conservation Area.
	2. Minimise pollution releases to levels that do not damage natural systems, human health and quality of life.	○ No link	○ No link
	3. Reduce the causes and manage the effects of climate change.	U Some policies recognise the need for development that will reduce the causes of climate change but whilst not causing harm to the Conservation Area, however others seek to conserve the Conservation Area which might restrict renewable energy.	U The SPD might make it clearer what and where renewable energy installations might be acceptable.
	4. Reduce the risk of flooding, ensuring	○ No link	○ No link

Impact upon sustainability objective:		SPD Options	
		Option 1: Rely on existing policies	Option 2: Produce SPDs for Conservation Areas
<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive impact  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Negative impact  <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain Impact  <input type="checkbox"/> No link  <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred Option </p>			
	development and land use changes are not vulnerable to flooding, or increase the risk of flooding elsewhere in a catchment / coastal zone.		
	5. Avoid damage to designated sites and protected species. Maintain, and enhance where appropriate, conditions for biodiversity and avoid irreversible losses.	<input type="checkbox"/> No link	<input type="checkbox"/> No link
	6. Encourage consumers to meet their needs with less energy input and through the use of renewable energy technologies.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policies recognise the need for development that will reduce the causes of climate change but whilst not causing harm to the Conservation Area.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>U</b> The SPD might make it clearer how energy efficiency and renewable energy might be acceptable.
	7. Preserve and enhance the archaeological and historic environment.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current Conservation Area policy seeks to protect and enhance the historic environment.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The SPD will have further positive impacts over protecting the archaeological and historic

Impact upon sustainability objective:		SPD Options	
		Option 1: Rely on existing policies	Option 2: Produce SPDs for Conservation Areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Neutral</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive impact</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Negative impact</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain Impact</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No link</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Preferred Option</li> </ul>			environment through providing specific guidance on the types of management and development that would be appropriate.
	8. Promote concepts of design, orientation and aspects of development that improve energy efficiency and encourage the use of sustainable resources.	<b>U</b> The policies would potentially hinder energy efficient design where this might harm the Conservation Area.	<b>U</b> There would be no further impact above the current policies, but potentially the SPD might make it clearer how energy efficiency measures might be acceptable.
	9. Encourage waste reduction, reuse, recovery and recycling.	<input type="checkbox"/> No link	<input type="checkbox"/> No link
	10. Protect and enhance human health.	<input type="checkbox"/> No link	<input type="checkbox"/> No link
	11. To protect and enhance access to key community facilities and services, including leisure and recreation opportunities and access to the countryside,	<input type="checkbox"/> No link	<input type="checkbox"/> No link

Impact upon sustainability objective:		SPD Options	
		Option 1: Rely on existing policies	Option 2: Produce SPDs for Conservation Areas
n Neutral ✓ Positive impact ✗ Negative impact U Uncertain Impact ○ No link □ Preferred Option			
	by means which minimise environmental impacts on the Park and its communities.		
	12. Ensure that local needs are met locally wherever possible.	○ No link	○ No link
<b>Economic</b>	13. Enable quality employment opportunities available to all that create a vibrant local economy.	○ No link	○ No link
	14. Maintain and enhance the viability and vitality of local communities.	○ No link	○ No link
	15. Develop a tourism product that provides sustainable benefits to the local community and its economy.	✓ Current policies which seek to protect and enhance the Conservation Area will contribute to maintaining Oswaldkirk as a place people want to visit.	✓ By providing further support to policies which seek to protect and enhance the Conservation Area the SPD will further contribute to maintaining Oswaldkirk as a place people want to visit.
	16. Manage natural resources in a way which	○ No link	○ No link

Impact upon sustainability objective: n Neutral ✓ Positive impact ✗ Negative impact U Uncertain Impact ○ No link □ Preferred Option	SPD Options	
	Option 1: Rely on existing policies	Option 2: Produce SPDs for Conservation Areas
	sustains their environmental qualities as well as their productive (or economic) potential.	
<b>Summary and selection</b>	Whilst Option 1 is generally consistent with meeting the sustainability objectives further guidance on implementing the policies would help to go further towards meeting the sustainability objectives.	This option would contribute further towards meeting sustainability objectives.

## Appendix 4 – Assessment of SPD against Sustainability Objectives

✓ Positive impact ✘ Negative impact U Uncertain Impact O No link	Sustainability Objectives																
	Environmental								Social			Economic					
	1. Maintain & enhance landscape & settlement character	2. Minimise pollution	3. Climate change	4. Flooding	5. Protected habitats & species	6. Energy conservation	7. Archaeological & historic environment	8. Sustainable design	9. Waste reduction & recycling	10. Human health	11. Access to facilities	12. Provision & retention facilities.	13. Quality employment opportunities	14. Viability & vitality communities	15. Sustainable tourism	16. Manage natural resources for economic and environmental	
	Management Guidelines																
	Design Approach to Potential Development Sites	✓	O	U	O	O	U	✓	U	O	O	O	O	O	O	✓	O
	Development within the Conservation Area	✓	O	U	O	O	U	✓	U	O	O	O	O	O	O	✓	O
	Building materials	✓	O	O	O	O	O	✓	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	✓	O
	Traditional outbuildings	✓	O	O	O	O	O	✓	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	✓	O
	Windows and doors	✓	O	O	O	O	O	✓	O	✓	O	O	O	O	O	✓	O
	Boundaries	✓	O	O	O	O	O	✓	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	✓	O
	Trees and Landscape	✓	O	O	O	O	O	✓	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	✓	O
	Views and Vistas	✓	O	O	O	O	O	✓	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	✓	O

✓ Positive impact ✘ Negative impact U Uncertain Impact ○ No link		Sustainability Objectives															
		Environmental									Social			Economic			
		1. Maintain & enhance landscape & settlement character	2. Minimise pollution	3. Climate change	4. Flooding	5. Protected habitats & species	6. Energy conservation	7. Archaeological & historic environment	8. Sustainable design	9. Waste reduction & recycling	10. Human health	11. Access to facilities	12. Provision & retention facilities.	13. Quality employment opportunities	14. Viability & vitality communities	15. Sustainable tourism	16. Manage natural resources for economic and environmental
	Surfacing and Footpaths	✓	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○	
	Street and Exterior Lighting	✓	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○	
	Signage	✓	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○	
	Overhead Wires and Poles	✓	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○	
	Traffic, Highways and Parking	✓	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○	
	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy	✓	○	✓	○	○	✓	✓	✓	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○	
		✓	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○	○	○	○	○	○	✓	○	
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