Appendix B   **Sustainability Appraisal Framework**

SA objective	Appraisal questions… will the option/proposal help to…

SA theme: Air Quality

1. Reduce air pollution from transport and development and improve air quality.	• Improve air quality? • Avoid locating development where air quality could negatively impact upon people's health? • Reduce the amount of Air Quality Management Areas? • Does it support the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?

SA theme: Biodiversity

2. Biodiversity is protected, conserved and enhanced.	• Protect and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests? • Protect, conserve and enhance the town's priority species and habitats, and increase local biodiversity? • Achieve a net gain in biodiversity? • Protect and enhance ecological networks?

SA theme: Energy and Water Consumption

3. The causes of climate change are addressed through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (mitigation)	• Reduce energy consumption? • Reduce CO2 to contribute to identified national targets? • Lead to efficient land use patterns that minimise the need to travel? • Lead to more sustainable travel including walking, cycling and public transport? • Does it enable the take up of low or ultra-low emission vehicles?
4. Minimise water consumption.	• Reduce water consumption? • Increase the use of water conservation and greywater recycling technologies? • Ensure water demand does not outstrip available supply?

SA theme: Climate Change Adaptation, Flooding and Coastal Change

5. Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (fluvial, tidal and surface water), now and in the future, and increase resilience to the wider effects of climate change.	• Reduce the risk of flooding from rivers, watercourses and the coast to people and property? • Reduce the risk of surface water flooding? • Ensure that development does not increase flood risk to others? • Prevent inappropriate development in the flood plain? • Improve and extend green infrastructure networks? • Increase the resilience of the built and natural environment to the effects of climate change?
6. The risk of coastal erosion is managed and reduced, now and in the future.	• Protect land stability in designated vulnerable areas? • Protect coastal areas from deterioration?

SA theme: Population Health and Wellbeing

7. The health and well-being of the population is improved and inequalities in health are reduced.	• Reduce levels of childhood obesity? Reduce death rates? • Promote healthy living and active lifestyles? • Reduce health inequalities? • Improve access to high quality health facilities?

SA objective	Appraisal questions… will the option/proposal help to…
8. More opportunities are provided for everyone to in a suitable home to meet their needs.	• Improve the quality of the housing stock and reduce the number of non-decent homes? • Reduce homelessness and ensure the provision of housing for the homeless? • Encourage housing types that meet local needs?
9. All sectors of the community have improved accessibility to services, facilities, jobs, and social and cultural opportunities.	• Improve accessibility and affordability to essential local services (employment, public transport, education, space, health services and shops)? • Promote compact development with good accessibility to local facilities and services? • Make access easier for those without a car? • Improve residential amenity and sense of place?
10. Safe and secure environments are created and there is a reduction in crime and fear of crime.	• Reduce actual levels of crime? • Reduce the fear of crime?
SA theme: Heritage	
11. Historic environment/ townscape is protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	• Protect, enhance and restore heritage assets? • Reduce the number of buildings at risk? • Encourage access to historic and cultural heritage? • Support the undertaking of archaeological investigations and, where appropriate, recommend mitigation strategies? • Conserve and enhance archaeological remains, including those contributing to historic landscapes and townscapes?
SA theme: Land and Water Quality	
12. The risk of pollution to land and soils is reduced and quality is improved.	• Reduce land contamination? • Minimise development on the best and most versatile agricultural land?
13. Through waste re-use, recycling and minimisation, the amount of waste for disposal is reduced.	• Minimise the production of household waste? • Reduce waste in the construction industry?
14. The risk of pollution to water is reduced and water quality is improved.	• Avoid water pollution due to contaminated runoff from development? • Support improvements to water quality consistent with the aims of the Water Framework Directive?
SA theme: Natural Landscape	
15. Ensure that Parks, gardens and countryside are protected, enhanced and made more accessible.	• Conserve and enhance the High Weald AONB in line with the aims and objectives of the 2019-2024 Management Plan? • Protect and enhance the natural environment? • Encourage access to the natural environment (including parks, open spaces, recreational opportunities and the coast)? • Protect sensitive and special landscapes?

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SA theme: Skills, Employment and Economic Development

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16. Economic performance is improved.	• Improve economic performance?
17. There are high and stable levels of employment and diverse employment opportunities for all.	• Reduce short and long-term unemployment? • Help to improve earnings? • Increase the number and range of employment opportunities?
18. Levels of poverty and social exclusion are reduced, and the deprivation gap is closed in the more deprived areas.	• Reduce poverty and social exclusion in those areas and communities most affected? • Reduce gap between least and most deprived areas?
19. Opportunities are available for everyone to acquire new skills, and the education and skills of the population improve.	• Improve the qualifications and skills of young people? • Improve the qualifications and skills of adults? • Address the skills gap and enable skills progression? • Contribute to meeting identified skills shortages? • Improve access to high quality educational/training opportunities and facilities?

SA theme: Transport

SA objective	Appraisal questions… will the option/proposal help to…
20. Road congestion levels are reduced and there is less car dependency and greater travel choice.	• Reduce the need to travel by private car? • Enable more sustainable transport patterns including walking, cycling and public transport? • Reduce the need to travel by car through the location and design of new development and places which provide more opportunities for active travel and for the provision and link to public transport infrastructure? • Reduce road traffic accidents?