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Chapter 1 - Non Technical Summary

- 1.1 This document sets out the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) work undertaken for the Design for Community Safety Supplementary Planning Document (Community Safety SPD). This document should be read in conjunction with the Community Safety SPD (adopted June 2008).
- 1.2 This Sustainability Appraisal Report contains the results of the SA which was undertaken in November 2007, on the November 2007 of the Community Safety SPD. The November 2007 version of the SPD is the same version which went out for its six week Formal Consultation period in late November 2008. The Sustainability Statement (Appendix D) details how this SA report and its recommendations have been taken into account in the final version of the Community Safety SPD.
- 1.3 This SA report was updated in May 2008 in preparation for the adoption of the Community Safety SPD in June 2008. The elements of the SA report which were updated in May 2008 were: a revised non technical summary and the addition of the Sustainability Statement (Appendix D).
- 1.4 The Sustainability Appraisal (SA) process considers environmental, social, economic and natural resource implications of the SPD. The results of the SA are contained in appendix B and C and discussed in Chapter 6.
- 1.5 The results of the SA of the SPD are predominately positive. The "Design for Community Safety" SPD is intended to guide developers, planning consultants and members of the public about how to reduce crime when designing development proposals. However it will also be a policy document that development control officers can use when assessing the appropriateness of planning applications in respect of crime prevention and community safety.
- 1.6 The results of the SA of Policy CS15 from the Core Strategy (to which this SPD relates) are predominately positive. As this is an adopted policy it is not going to change, thus any recommendations/issues identified in the appraisal of this policy were taken into account in the recommendations for changes to the Community Safety SPD. Paragraph 2.3 explains why this 'parent' policy has also been appraised.
- 1.7 The SA process has demonstrated that the Community Safety SPD has performed well in sustainability terms. The guidance promotes a practical and co-ordinated approach to the problems of safety and security for people and properties. By raising awareness and providing practical solutions for the design and layout of the physical environment, it will help reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial

behaviour. The only negative finding was the potential for increasing light pollution, this was the only recommendation for further consideration in the final version of the Community Safety SPD.

- 1.8 The Final Draft (April 2008) of the Community Safety SPD was analysed by the SA team and no significant changes were found from the November 2007 version, thus a further SA of the SPD was not needed. The SA recommendation about the incidence of light pollution had been addressed in the Final Draft SPD.

Chapter 2 - Introduction

- 2.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Section 39(2) requires all SPD to be subject to a Sustainability Appraisal. This document reports on the work carried out in appraising the environmental, economic and social sustainability of the Community Safety SPD.
- 2.2 The Community Safety SPD has been prepared on the basis of policy CS15 'Urban Design' in the Core Strategy (adopted December 2007).
- 2.3 Government Guidance Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Development Frameworks details that the SA of the DPD to which the SPD conforms, may already meet the requirements for the SA of the SPD. However, where the SPD is developing the policy further or in greater detail, it will be necessary to undertake SA of those matters. As this SPD is expanding on a specific element of 'urban design' it was judged to be appropriate to carry out a SA of the SPD. A further SA was also undertaken on the 'parent' policy CS15 to supplement the SA that was previously done on CS15 in November 2007 (The Core Strategy SA 2007) to more fully pick up on the Community Safety issue.
- 2.4 This SA has been carried out on the final draft Community Safety SPD to be published in November 2007 for a 6 week consultation period. Following this Formal Consultation the Council will any make further amendments considered necessary in the light of the SA results and representations received. Further SA work will then be carried out on any changes made to the SPD which have significant social, environmental and economic effects. This SA report will then be updated to include the details of additional work undertaken and any changes made to the SPD as a result of the SA. This will take the form of an appendix titled 'A Sustainability Statement'. The updated SA and modified SPD will then be made available to the public when the Community Safety SPD has been adopted.

Chapter 3 - Background

- 3.1 The purpose of this SA is to help the Council to achieve its sustainable development aims and ensure that the environmental, social, economic and natural resource effects are fully considered in the preparation of this SPD.
- 3.2 There are many definitions of sustainable development, however, for the purposes of clarity the Government set out four aims of Sustainable Development in its strategy 'A Better Quality of Life: a Strategy for Sustainable Development in the UK'.
- The four objectives are:
- Social Progress which recognises the needs of everyone
 - Effective protection of the environment
 - Prudent use of natural resources; and
 - Maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth and employment.
- 3.3 The Community Safety SPD establishes principles for the design, layout and landscaping of the built and natural environment which creates:
- ◆ A safer and more secure environment
 - ◆ Increase the risk of detection of criminal and antisocial activity
 - ◆ Make crime more difficult to commit
- 3.4 The document highlights the “do’s” and the “don’ts” of planning site layout, landscape design, car parking and natural surveillance in the context of community safety. For example where cul-de-sac design is applied in development, it should be a simple linear form so that good mutual surveillance from other homes is easy, preferably with sight lines from nearby streets.
- 3.5 Once the community safety SPD is adopted it will form part of the policy framework within which planning applications are determined.
- 3.6 The SA will be monitored via the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR). The AMR is produced on an annual basis and indicators identified in the sustainability framework will be monitored as and when necessary through the annual monitoring process.

Chapter 4 - Methodology

- 4.1 European Directive 2001/42/EC requires a formal Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of certain plans and programmes which are likely to have significant effects on the environment. However not all Local Development Documents will require an SEA because they might not be considered to have a significant impact on the environment. Where an SEA is required, this can form part of the overall SA that is undertaken.
- 4.2 Telford and Wrekin Council have undertaken a screening process to determine whether the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive apply for the Community Safety SPD. It has been determined that an SEA is not required for the SPD Community Safety. Appendix A of this Sustainability Appraisal Report contains a Statement of the reasons for this determination. However a SA is compulsory for the SPD.
- 4.3 The Sustainability Appraisal has been carried out in line with government guidance contained within the document 'Sustainability Appraisal of Regional Spatial Strategies and Local Development Documents' (November 2005).
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1161341> The approach taken is outlined in the Councils 'Sustainability appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report' (May 2005)
http://www.telford.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/067A40CB-C06B-46BD-99EE-7DB01368F1D9/0/SAscope_reportmay05.pdf
- 4.4 The Sustainability Appraisal work has been undertaken jointly by a sustainability officer and a planning officer from Telford and Wrekin Council, in order to consider and respond to local circumstances. The role of the sustainability officer was to maintain and ensure a balanced view was taken when making assessments of the effects of plans and objectives.
- 4.5 A group of officers from the councils' departments including, environmental health, economic development, leisure, landscape and transport was set up to consider the development of the sustainability objectives and the indicators contained within the Council's SA scoping report (May 2005). The SPD has been assessed using the objectives and indicators set out in the scoping report. These are provided in Table 1 below.
- 4.6 This SA has been carried out on the Final Draft of the Community Safety SPD November 2007, which went through the Formal Consultation stage in winter 2007. The Adopted version of Community Safety SPD will include any changes made a result of this SA and public consultation comments.

4.7 Links to other plans and programmes and the social, environmental and economic baseline for the borough is contained in the SA scoping report (May 2005).

Table 1: The SA Framework

Objectives	Indicators
Social Objectives	Indicators
S1. Improve and maintain the quality of life and community well being for all By : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing social inclusion by providing equal access to facilities / skills and knowledge Reduce anti social activity Reduce and prevent crime and fear of crime 	Index of local deprivation Proportion of children under 16 living in low income households Level of Crime Fear of Crime
S2. Accessibility to a range of services and facilities to meet people's basic needs and promote social inclusion By : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve physical accessibility to key local services (transport) Increase awareness of services and facilities Improve the range of services available 	Access to post office % of houses 800m from a bus stop % of houses 800m from local shopping facilities
S3. Provision of a range of housing that meets the needs of the Borough By : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the affordability of housing Provide a range of types of tenure Provide a range of house types (semi detached, flats, 1,2,3,4,5 bed) Encourage adaptability of the housing stock 	Housing completion figures Affordable housing completion figures Affordable Housing (Affordability figure linked to earnings) Range of 1bed, 2, 3 and 4 bed
S4. Improve the health of the population By : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage a healthy lifestyle Increase access to health facilities Increase access to green space Increase access to leisure facilities Increase walking opportunities 	Access to GP (number of GP's per population) Achievement of Accessible Natural Green Space Standards
S5. Improve the education and skills of population By : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve education facilities for young people Improve education facilities for high education / adult learning 	Qualifications at the age of 19 Number of people in higher education NVQ qualifications / Apprenticeships undertaken
Environmental Objectives	Indicators
En1. Make optimum use of land and property By : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage development on previously developed land Encourage reuse of redundant building stock Encourage development in support of existing transport network 	% development on Greenfield and %development on Brownfield Number of conversions (change of use permitted) Average residential density % of new development within 800m of a bus route

En2. Reduce the demand for travel and promote modes of travel other than the car By : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving public transport Improving the network of footpaths and cycle ways Improving the permeability of the built environment 	Passenger travel by mode
En3. Enhance and protect the quality of the natural environment By : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect the landscape and quality of the countryside Conserve and enhance protected and LBAP priority habitats and species Protect and enhance geodiversity 	Reach government targets Public Service Agreement for 95% of SSSI's being in favourable condition Area (ha) of Local Nature Reserves Area (ha) of wildlife sites Net change in natural / semi natural habitats Progress towards achieving Biodiversity Action Plan targets Number and condition of important geological sites
En4. Enhance and protect the quality of the built environment By: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conserving the built heritage of the Borough Ensuring the development of a high quality built environment (as defined in the Design Guide SPD) 	Number of Listed Buildings at Risk % of developments adhering to T&W Design Guide
En5. Reduce contributions to climate change By : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the energy efficiency of the building stock Development of renewable energy production Reduce vulnerability to climate change 	Thermal Efficiency of Housing Stock % of energy from a renewable source Number of properties subject to flooding
En6. Reduce levels of pollution By : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce levels of water pollution Reduce levels of air pollution Maintain and enhance soil quality 	% of main rivers and canal of good or fair quality Number of days Air Pollution Area of Contaminated Land
En7. Maximise the efficient use of natural resources and minimise the amount of waste produced By : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouraging re use of materials Reducing use of non renewable materials Recycling materials Reduce water consumption 	Materials recycled % household waste recycled Abstraction by purpose
Economic Objectives	
Ec1. Promote economic growth which is sustainable By : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouraging growth in target employment sectors Encouraging sustainable procurement Encourage development of a strong rural economy 	Number of businesses in key employment sectors Rural Diversification
Ec2. Create a balance of employment opportunities across all sectors By : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing the number of higher added value jobs Protecting current levels of employment 	Bi Annual employment survey results
Ec3. Enhance the image of the area as a business location By : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide land / property to enable businesses to locate in the Borough Maximise niche marketing opportunities (e.g. sectoral strengths) to potential investors 	Ha of employment land readily available Number of companies/ employees in key sectors
Ec4. To retain and expand existing economic investment By :	Number of companies working with / assisted by Investor Development Team (Annual Return)

	Number of jobs created or safeguarded (Annual Return)
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4.8 The result of the appraisal are expressed in one of the following ways:

Positive Compatible (PC) - The SPD/plan policy supports the sustainability objective and no changes are required.

Potentially Positive (PP) – The SPD/plan policy may be sustainable given certain provisos as set out in the SA report

Potentially Negative (PN) – The SPD/plan policy conflicts with the sustainability objective. Recommendations for changes are made.

Neutral (Ne) - There is no relationship between the SPD/plan policy and the SA objectives or the SPD/plan policy has both negative and positive outcomes which balance.

Unknown (U) – There is insufficient information available to appraise the plan policy/SPD.

4.9 In addition the likely timing and permanence of any impacts are also considered and the appraisal includes clear mitigation measures and explanatory notes.

4.10 When considering the SPD in relation to the SA objectives the assumption was made that the alternative option to having the SPD was 'no plan' or 'business as usual'.

Chapter 5 - Baseline Information

- 5.1 It is important to establish the current situation in relation to crime and safety in the Borough in order that the effect of the Design for Community Safety SPD can be measured.
- 5.2 The following data is taken from the 2006 West Mercia Crime & Safety Survey. The survey is conducted annually by West Mercia Police in partnership with a number of other organisations. A random selection of residents was consulted. The respondents are asked about the types of crimes and anti social behaviour they have experienced regardless of whether they have been reported. They are also asked about their perceptions of safety in their local area.
- 5.3 Examples of crime experienced by Telford and Wrekin residents which were lower than the West Mercia average were 'having your car stolen' and 'house burglary'. Examples of crime experienced which were higher than the West Mercia average were 'being assaulted whilst in a public place' and 'being harassed whilst in a public place'.
- 5.4 'Problems experienced in neighbourhoods' was also a question within this survey. The most common problem for both Telford and Wrekin and West Mercia was 'groups loitering in public places'.
- 5.5 A further question within the resident's survey was 'perceptions of safety in neighbourhoods and homes'. The highest perception of safety for both Telford and Wrekin and West Mercia was 'in the local neighbourhood area during daylight hours' and the lowest perception of safety for both Telford and Wrekin and West Mercia was 'in the district when its dark'.
- 5.6 It is predicted that the SPD will have a positive effect on the borough's crime statistics, reducing the number of incidents of crime and improving people's perception of safety in their local area. It should be noted however that without the SPD the incidence of crime may still reduce due to the activities of the police or other influencing factors however the contribution which design can make to that progress will be less. Similarly it is important to recognise that other factors other than design will also influence the borough's crime statistics.

Chapter 6 – Sustainability Appraisal Results

- 6.1 The outcome of the SA's of the Community Safety SPD and policy CS15 Urban Design (from the Core Strategy) are predominately positive. This section contains more detailed results of the SA's.
- 6.2 The SA Framework Objectives are designed to cover a wide range of Local Development Framework Documents. As such a number of the sustainability objectives are not directly related to the Community Safety SPD or policy CS15 and score a Neutral Score in the Appraisal Matrix.

Results of SA of the Community Safety SPD

- 6.3 The results of the appraisal indicate that compared to a 'no plan' scenario, the development of the Community Safety SPD is a positive action to help ensure that development is sustainable in the Borough (see appendix B).
- 6.4 The aims and objectives of community safety accord with many of the principles of social sustainability, such as reducing fear of crime. The provision of community safety guidance through this SPD will indirectly support the environmental objectives within the SA, for example by enhancing the built environment of a development through the incorporation of community safety measures, such as a better connected network of streets and public spaces.
- 6.5 The only potential negative implication of the SPD that the SA has identified; is that levels of light pollution may increase due to increased levels of lighting in high risk or vulnerable areas. It is recommended that the Community Safety SPD is modified to recognise this issue and that sensitively designed lighting schemes should be considered, especially in rural areas.

Results of the SA of Policy CS15

- 6.6 Policy CS15 Urban Design aims to promote urban design which will assist in creating and sustaining safe places, strengthening local identity and projecting a positive local image. The results of the SA of this policy are within Appendix C. The results of the SA are positive and are similar to the results of the SPD appraisal. However this is to be expected as the SPD is an expansion of CS15 policy.

Conclusion

- 6.7 The results of the SA indicate that the adoption of the Community Safety is a positive addition in the LDF. The SA has identified one recommendation for improvement – sensitively designed lighting schemes to reduce levels of light pollution. The guidance provides

solutions for the design and layout of the physical environment, it will help reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.

Chapter 7 - Post Formal Consultation

- 7.1 After the Formal consultation on the Community Safety SPD and SA, the one recommendation for improvement was addressed in the final version of the SPD. Paragraph 9.6, Page 48 of the SPD has now been modified to take into account the recommendation of the SA.

Appendix A: SEA Screening Determination for Designing for Community Safety SPD



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Determination:

In accordance with Directive 2001/42/EC and the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, Regulation 9 and Schedule 1, Telford and Wrekin Council, as the responsible Authority, has concluded that the Community Safety SPD does not need a Strategic Environmental Assessment to form part of the Sustainability Appraisal of this SPD.

This is the final determination for the proposed Community Safety SPD and was made on 29th October 2007.

Reasons for the determination:

The reasons for this determination are based on Directive 2001/42/EC and the criteria specified in Schedule 1 to the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 and are;

- The Community Safety SPD does not provide a framework for the future development consent of projects as listed in Annexes I and II of the EIA Directive (Article 3.2 (a)).
- The Community Safety SPD will not require Appropriate Assessment under Article 6 or 7 of the Habitat Directive (Article 3.2 (b))
- The Community Safety SPD determines the use of land at a local level and is a minor modification to an existing policy in the Wrekin Local Plan (Article 3.3) and is unlikely to have significant environment effects (Article 3.4). In evaluating the significance of the effects the criteria in Schedule 1 were considered, together with the comments from the statutory consultees. Table 1 contains further details on the assessment of potential significant environmental effects and the reasons for the determination.

Table 1 Assessment of significant environmental effects

Criteria (Schedule 1)	Significant Environmental Effect likely (Yes/No)	Justification
<p>The characteristics of the plans and programmes, having regard in particular to;</p> <p>a) the degree to which the plan and programme sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources.</p>	No	The Community Safety SPD will not set a new policy framework as it provides additional guidance to supplement an existing policy in the Wrekin Local Plan
1 (b) the degree to which the plan or programme influences other plans and programme including those in a hierarchy	No	The Community Safety SPD is at the bottom of the LDF hierarchy and thus will not influence other Plans/Programmes in this hierarchy
1 (c) the relevance of the plan or programme for the integration of environmental considerations, in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development	No	The Community Safety SPD is at the bottom of the LDF hierarchy and thus will not influence other Plans/Programmes in this hierarchy. This SPD raises awareness and provides practical solutions for the design and layout of the physical environment, helping reduce crime, fear of crime and anti social behaviour.
1 (d) environmental problems relevant to the plan or programme and;	No	The Community Safety SPD aims to reflect aspects of current practice in community safety to illustrate how to reduce crime, the fear of crime and anti social behaviour through good design. Crime and anti social behaviour can detrimentally affect both the natural and the built environment.
1 (e) the relevance of the plan or	No	It is unlikely that the Community Safety SPD will affect the

programme for the implementation of community legislation on the environment (for example, plans and programme linked to waste management or water protection)		implementation of other community legislation.
2 Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular to;	No	The Community Safety SPD will be used to help guide future applications in the Borough. It is unlikely to have significant effects on the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of effects.
a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of effects	No	
b) the cumulative nature of the effects	No	The Community Safety is unlikely to have any significant cumulative environmental effects.
c) the trans-boundary nature of the effects	No	There will be no trans-boundary effects arising from the Community Safety SPD.
d) the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents)	No	There will be no human health or environmental risks arising from the Community Safety SPD.
e) the magnitude and spatial extent of effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)	No	The Community Safety SPD will influence layout and design of the physical environment in the borough of Telford and Wrekin geographical area however it is only one factor amongst many other factors.
f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to;	No	The Community Safety SPD is unlikely to have any significant environmental impact on the value and vulnerability of the likely to be affected.
i. special natural characteristics or cultural heritage		
ii. intensive land use		
g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, community or	No	The Community Safety SPD is unlikely to have an effect on landscapes of recognised national, community or international protection status.

international protection status		
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Consultation

The consultation bodies specified in the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 were consulted in the preparation of the SPD as below:

- Environment Agency
- English Heritage
- Natural England

The comments received included:

Natural England

‘...Natural England considers that the Design for Community Safety SPD is appropriate, supported by existing policies and that there are unlikely to be significant environmental effects as a result of the Design for Community Safety SPD.’

English Heritage

‘...On the basis of the information supplied, and in the context of the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations [Annex II of ‘SEA’ Directive], English Heritage concurs with the Council that the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required.....’

Environment Agency

‘...SEA is not required for this SPD due to its perceived limited direct environmental impacts...’

Conclusion

Following consultation with the statutory environmental consultation bodies and analysing the information above, the determination has been made that the SPD Telecommunications does not require a Strategic Environmental Assessment. However a Sustainability Appraisal will be undertaken on the Community Safety SPD which will consider environmental, social and economic effect.

Copies of this determination, together with the reasons for the determination, have been circulated to the statutory consultation bodies in line with the regulations.

Appendix B: Sustainability Appraisal Matrices for Community Safety SPD

Community Safety SPD								
Plan Objectives		Sub Objective	Indicator	Likely timing of Impact (Short, Medium or long term)	Temporary or Permanent Impact	Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Result	Mitigation measures to improve SA Result	Comments
Social Objectives								
S1	Improve and maintain the quality of life & community well being for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing social inclusion by providing equal access to facilities/skills and knowledge Reduce anti Social Reduce and prevent crime and fear of crime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Index of local deprivation Proportion of children under 16 living in low income households Level of crime Fear of crime 	M/L	P	PC		
S2	Accessibility to a range of services & facilities to meet people's basic needs & promote social inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve physical accessibility to key local services (transport) Increase awareness of services and facilities Improve the range of services available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to Post Office (% of households) % of houses 800m from a bus stop % of houses 800m from local shopping facilities 	M/L	P	PC		
S3	Provision of a range of housing that meets the needs of the Borough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the affordability of housing Provide a range of types of tenure Provide a range of house types (semi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing completion figures Affordable housing completion figures Affordable Housing (Affordability figure linked to earnings) 			Ne		Not related

		detached, flats, 1,2,3,4,5 bed) • Encourage adaptability of the housing stock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range of 1 bed, 2, 3, and 4 bed 					
S4	Improve the health of the population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage a healthy lifestyle • Increase access to health facilities • Increase access to green space • Increase access to leisure facilities • Increase walking opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to GP (number of GP's per population) • Achievement of Accessible Natural Green Space Standards 	M/L	P	PC		
S5	Improve the education & skills of population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve education facilities for young people • Improve education facilities for high education/adult learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualifications at the age of 19 • Number of people in higher education • NVQ qualifications/Apprenticeships undertaken 			Ne		Not related
Environmental Objectives								
EN1	Make optimum use of land & property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage development on previously developed land • Encourage reuse of redundant building stock • Encourage development in support of existing transport network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • %development on Greenfield and % on Brownfield • Number of conversions (change of use permitted) • Average Residential density • % of new development within 800m of a bus route 	M/L	P	PC		

EN2	Reduce the need for travel & promote modes of travel other than the car	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving public transport Improving the network of footpaths and cycle ways Improving the permeability of the built environment 	Passenger travel mode	M/L	P	PC		
EN3	Enhance & protect the quality of the natural environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect the landscape and quality of the countryside Conserve and enhance protected and LBAP priority habitats and species Protect and enhance geological diversity 	Reach government targets PSA for 95% of SSSI's being in favourable condition Area (ha) of Local Nature Reserve Area (ha) of wildlife	M/L	P	PC		
EN4	Enhance & protect the quality of the built environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conserving the built heritage of the Borough Ensuring the development of a high quality built environment (as defined in the Design Guide SPD) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of listed buildings at risk % of developments adhering to T & W Design Guide 	M/L	P	PC		
EN5	Reduce contributions to climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the energy efficiency of the building stock Development of renewable energy production Reduce vulnerability to climate change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thermal efficiency of housing stock % of energy from a renewable source Number of properties subject to flooding 			Ne		Not related
EN6	Reduce levels of pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce levels of water pollution Reduce levels of air pollution Maintain and enhance soil quality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> % of main rivers and canal of good or fair quality Number of days Air Pollution Area of contaminated land 	M/L	P	PP		This SPD may increase light pollution

EN7	Maximise the efficient use of natural resources & minimise waste produced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging re use of materials • Reducing use of non renewable materials • Recycling materials • Reduce water consumption 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials recycled • % household waste recycled • Abstraction by purpose 			Ne		Not related
Economic Objectives								Not related
EC1	Promote economic growth which is sustainable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging growth in target employment sectors • Encouraging sustainable procurement • Encourage development of a strong rural economy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of businesses in key employment sectors • Rural diversification 			Ne		Not related
EC2	Create a balance of employment opportunities across all sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing the number of higher added value jobs • Protecting current levels of employment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bi annual employment survey results 			Ne		Not related
EC3	Enhance the image of the area as a business location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide land/property to enable businesses to locate in the Borough • Maximise niche marketing opportunities (eg sectoral strengths) to potential investors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ha of employment land readily available • Number of companies/employees in key sectors 			Ne		Not related
EC4	To retain & expand existing local economic investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting existing economic investment • Developing 'not for profit' business eg community interest companies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of companies working with/assisted by Investor Development Team (annual return) • Number of jobs created or safeguarded (annual return) 			Ne		Not related

Key

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PP - Potentially Positive: Plan objectives may be sustainable given certain provisos

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Appendix C: Sustainability Appraisal for CS15

	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	EN1	EN2	EN3	EN4	EN5	EN6	EN7	EC1	EC2	EC3	EC4
Policy/ site/ option	Improve and maintain the quality of life & community well being for all	Accessibility to a range of services & facilities to meet people's basic needs & promote social inclusion	Provision of a range of housing that meets the needs of the Borough	Improve the health of the population	Improve the education & skills of population	Make optimum use of land & property	Reduce the need for travel & promote modes of travel other than the car	Enhance & protect the quality of the natural environment	Enhance & protect the quality of the built environment	Reduce contributions to climate change	Reduce levels of pollution	Maximise the efficient use of natural resources & minimise waste produced	Promote economic growth which is sustainable	Create a balance of employment opportunities across all sectors	Enhance the image of the area as a business location	To retain & expand existing local economic investment
CS15 Urban Design	PP	PC	Ne	Ne	Ne	PC	PP	PC	PC	PN	Ne	PP	Ne	Ne	PP	Ne

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Designing for Community Safety Supplementary Planning Document
Sustainability Statement

May 2008

The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004

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April 2008

Telford and Wrekin Council has carried out a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the Designing for Community Safety Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) in accordance with the requirement of Section 39 (2) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. In preparing the SPD it has been necessary to comply with European Directive 2001/42/EC on Strategic Environmental Assessment, which is transposed by the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

Under Regulation 16 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, as soon as reasonability practicable after the adoption of a plan or programme for which an environmental assessment has been carried out under these regulations, the responsible authority shall take such steps as it considers appropriate to bring to the attention of the public specifying:

- a) How environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan or programme;
- b) How the Sustainability Appraisal report has been taken into account
- c) How opinions expressed in relation to public consultation have been taken into account;
- d) The reasons for choosing the plan or programme as adopted, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with; and
- e) The measures that are to be taken to monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the plan or programme.

(a) How environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan or programme

National Planning Policy Statement 12 and accompanying guidance on the Sustainability Appraisal process have ensured the timely contribution of Sustainability Appraisal into the development of the Community Safety SPD. This has been achieved by the Sustainability Appraisal providing independent assessment of the sustainability of the proposed SPD. The SA objectives were consulted upon on as part of the draft SA Scoping Report in 2005. The results of the consultation fed into the final SA Scoping Report which provided the SA Framework which was used to appraise this SPD.

The Community Safety Supplementary Planning Document is intended to guide developers, planning consultants and members of the public about how to reduce crime when designing development proposals. It will also be a policy document that development control officers can use while assessing the appropriateness of planning applications in respect of crime prevention and community safety.

b) How the Sustainability Appraisal report has been taken into account

The recommendation arising from the Sustainability Appraisal of the Community Safety SPD for sensitivity around increased levels of lighting to minimise light pollution has been addressed in the Final SPD, Paragraph 9.6, Page 48.

c) How opinions expressed in relation to public consultation have been taken into account;

The three key environmental bodies; the Environment Agency, English Heritage and Natural England (formerly English Nature and Countryside Agency) were consulted at the appropriate stage in the production of the Community Safety Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and the Sustainability Appraisal.

Comments from all three bodies, other organisations and individual members of the public have fed into the development of the Adopted Community Safety SPD.

d) The reasons for choosing the plan or programme as adopted, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with;

During the appraisal of the SPD, each sustainability objective was appraised against the consideration of a 'no plan' scenario/option. The results of the SA are detailed in the SA report and support the adoption of the SPD compared to the 'no plan' scenario.

e) The measures that are to be taken to monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the plan or programme.

The measures for monitoring the significant environmental effects of implementing the Community Safety SPD, and the progress being made towards the sustainability objectives of the Sustainability Appraisal are detailed in the Sustainability Appraisal Report.

The Annual Monitoring Report will continue to be the vehicle by which the monitoring of the Sustainability Appraisal objectives will be made. Changes to the baseline data in the Annual Monitoring Report will identify any unforeseen effects and facilitate a response to adverse effects.