

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM
LOCAL PLAN
SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL SCOPING REPORT



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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Pro Vision Planning and Design has been instructed by the London Borough of Lewisham to prepare a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the Lewisham Local Plan. This Scoping Report has been prepared to set the context and objectives, establish the baseline and decide on the scope of the SA.
- 1.2 Scoping forms the initial stage of the SA process and consists of the collection of baseline data and information on other plans, policies and programmes that can influence the preparation of the Lewisham Local Plan. The data collected identifies the key sustainability issues, objectives and targets. The information is then used to set out a SA framework.
- 1.3 Section 2 of this Scoping Report provides a detailed description of the background to the SA. The plans, policies and programmes of relevance to the SA of the Lewisham Local Plan are set out in Section 3. The baseline data is reviewed in Section 4 and the sustainability requirements, issues and trends are discussed in Section 5. The SA framework is presented in Section 6. Section 7 describes the next steps and the consultation process.

2.0 Background

London Borough of Lewisham Local Plan

- 2.1 The Local Plan is a series of planning documents, which collectively provide the planning strategy and policies for the London Borough of Lewisham. The Local Plan documents are either procedural or policy based.
- 2.2 The following procedural documents have been approved or adopted by the London Borough of Lewisham:
- Local Development Scheme – the work programme which sets out the documents to be prepared and key dates for formulation, consultation and adoption;
 - Statement of Community Involvement – describes the Council’s methods of involving the community in the preparation and review of the Local Plan and planning decisions; and
 - Annual Monitoring Report – sets out information on whether the Local Plan preparation is in accordance with the key dates within the Local Development Scheme and identifies whether the policies are achieving their targets.
- 2.3 The Local Plan will eventually replace the existing policy based documents within the Local Development Framework which is a suite of planning documents consisting of the following:
- Core Strategy – the principal and overarching Local Plan document, adopted in June 2011;
 - Development Management Local Plan – sets out additional planning policies to guide decisions on planning applications, adopted November 2014;
 - Site Allocations Local Plan – identifies, designates and safeguards land for a particular use, adopted in June 2013;
 - Lewisham Town Centre Local Plan – policies and proposals for development in Lewisham town centre, adopted February 2014.
- 2.4 The Local Plan will be supported by the following policy based documents:
- Supplementary Planning Documents – advice and guidance on policies and proposals contained in the development plan; and
 - Neighbourhood Plans – the vision and policy for how local people would like their area to develop. Crofton Park, Grove Park and Corbett Estate are neighbourhood forums, established for the purposes of developing a Neighbourhood Plan.

Sustainability Appraisal

- 2.5 The purpose of SA is to promote sustainable development through the integration of social, environmental and economic considerations into the preparation of development plans. The UK Government Sustainable Development Strategy 2005 defines sustainable development as follows:
- Social progress which meets 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.
- 2.6 The SA of the Lewisham Local Plan will ensure that the principles of sustainability are embedded into the plan-making process, forming an integral part of plan preparation. The SA will take a long-term view, reflecting global, national, regional and local issues. The SA will identify opportunities to enhance positive performance and to address negative impacts from an early stage in the process of policy formulation. An audit trail of how the plan has been revised to take account of the findings of the SA is provided.
- 2.7 The stages which the SA will follow are based on the Governments 'Planning Practice Guidance'. These stages are set out in Table 1 below. The Scoping Report documents Stage A of the SA process. The SA Scoping Report covers the tasks outlined under Stage A, focusing on identifying the significant wider and local issues relevant to the Local Plan and setting out how the issues will form the basis of the SA framework to compare options, including discounted options, and supporting monitoring and implementation.

Table 1: Stages of SA

Lewisham Local Plan Evidence Gathering and Engagement
<p>SA Process Stage A: Setting the context and objectives, establishing the baseline and deciding on the scope</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify other relevant policies, plans and programmes, and sustainability objectives 2. Collect baseline information 3. Identify sustainability issues and problems 4. Develop the SA framework 5. Consulting the consultation bodies on the scope of the SA Report
Consult on Lewisham Local Plan in preparation (regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012: Consultation may be undertaken more than once if the London Borough of Lewisham considers necessary)
<p>SA Process Stage B: Developing and refining alternatives and assessing effects</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Test the Local Plan objectives against the SA framework 2. Develop the Local Plan options including reasonable alternatives 3. Evaluate the likely effects of the Local Plan and alternatives 4. Consider ways of mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects 5. Propose measures to monitor the significant effects of implementing the Local Plan
Prepare the publication version of Lewisham Local Plan
SA Process Stage C: Prepare the SA Report
Seek representations on the publication Local Plan (regulation 19) from consultation bodies and the public
SA Process Stage D: Seek representations on the sustainability appraisal report from consultation bodies and the public
Submit draft Lewisham Local Plan and supporting documents for independent examination
Outcome of Lewisham Local Plan examination
Consider implications for SA and SEA compliance
Lewisham Local Plan adopted
Lewisham Local Plan Monitoring
Monitor and report on the implementation of the Local Plan
<p>SA Process Stage E: Post adoption reporting and monitoring</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare and publish post-adoption statement 2. Monitor significant effects of implementing the Local Plan 3. Respond to adverse effects

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 2.8 SAs must, where appropriate, incorporate the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive (2001/42/EC). The SEA Directive requires that a formal assessment is undertaken of plans and programmes which are likely to have significant effects on the environment. The Directive has been transferred into UK law through the SEA Regulations (July 2004).
- 2.9 The SEA Directive focusses exclusively on environmental issues, whilst SA also encompasses social and economic concerns. Government guidance on SA has been prepared to meet the requirements of the SEA Directive. Consistent with this approach, the SA of the emerging Lewisham Local Plan will address the requirements of the SEA Directive.

Equalities Analysis Assessment

- 2.10 Equalities Analysis Assessment (EAA) is the process of systematically analysing a proposed or existing policy to identify the likely affect from the implementation of the policy on different groups in the community. EAA seeks to ensure that, as far as possible, any negative consequences for a particular group or sector of the community are eliminated, minimised or counterbalanced by other measures. Local Authorities have a duty to complete an EAA of relevant plans. The SA of the Lewisham Local Plan will encompass the requirements for EAA. The diverse needs of the Lewisham community will be considered during the production of the SA. The methodology and the approach set out within the London Borough of Lewisham's EAA toolkit will be followed in the preparation of the SA.

3.0 Plans, Policies and Programmes

- 3.1 The process of identifying relevant plans, policies and programmes is part 1 of Stage A, set out in Table 1, above. Plans, policies and programmes have been examined to guide the objectives within the SA Framework. The SA of the Lewisham Local Plan will reflect the aims of the relevant plans, policies and programmes. Potential synergies will be exploited and inconsistencies and constraints will be addressed. The council is currently in a period of austerity and therefore cuts are inevitable.
- 3.2 Those plans, policies and programmes relevant to the Lewisham Local Plan are described in Table 2. International, European, National, London wide and Lewisham based plans and strategies are considered. The objectives and implications for these are detailed in Appendix A.

Table 2: Plans, policies and programmes

Plans, Policies and Programmes
International
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development 2002 • The Kyoto Agreement 1997 • Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage 1972 (UNESCO) • Agenda 21 Declaration, UNCED Rio de Janerio 1992 • Convention on Biological Diversity, Rio de Janerio 1992
European
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEA Directive 2001/42/EC • European Sustainable Development Strategy 2001 (Reviewed in 2009) • European Spatial Declaration on Sustainable Development 1999 • European Spatial Development Perspective 1999 • European Directive 92/43/EEC (& 97/62/EC) on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora • European Directive on Conservation of Wild Birds 2009 (2009/147/EC) • European Directive 2002/49/EC (Noise) • European Directive on Ambient Air Quality Assessment and Management (96/62/EC) and daughter directives • European Directive 2000/60/EC (Water Framework Directive) • EU Community Biodiversity Strategy 2012 - 2020 • EU Landfill Directive (99/31/EC) • European Waste Framework Directive (75/442/EEC, as amended in 1991) • Directive 2003/87/EC (establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading) • EU Seventh Environmental Action Plan 2013 - 2020 • European Directive 2007/60/EC (Assessment and Management of Flood Risks)

National

- National Planning Policy Framework 2012
- National Planning Practice Guidance 2014
- Environmental Assessment of Plans & Programmes Regulations 2004
- Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
- Town and Country Planning Act 1990
- Housing Act 2004
- Planning and Energy Act 2008
- Climate Change Act 2008
- Flood and Water Management Act 2010
- Noise Policy Statement for England 2010
- UK Air Quality Strategy 'Working together for clean air' (Defra 2007)
- Energy White Paper 2003 'Our energy, our future, creating a low carbon economy'
- Environment Agency, Creating a better place strategy 2010-2015
- Thames Estuary (TE2100) Management Plan 2012
- Thames River Basin Management Plan 2009
- Climate Change and the Historic Environment (Historic England, 2007)
- Building in Context (Historic England, CABE 2007)
- Seeing History in the View (Historic England 2010)
- Streets for All (Historic England, 2006)
- Strategic Environmental Assessment, Sustainability Appraisal and the Historic Environment (Historic England, 2013)
- UK Climate Change Risk Assessment : Government Report (Defra, 2012)
- National Adaption Programme – Making the country resilient to a changing climate (Defra, 2013)
- Working with Natural Processes to Manage Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk (EA, 2010)
- National Flood Emergency Framework for England (Defra, 2011)
- Greater working with Natural Processes to Manage Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk (EA, 2012)
- Our River Habitats – River Habitats in the Thames River Basin District: Current State and Character (EA, 2010)

London

- The London Plan 2015
- The Mayor's Air Quality Strategy 2010
- The Mayor's Economic Development Strategy 2010
- The Mayor's Biodiversity Action Plan 2010-2015
- The Mayor's Cultural Strategy 2010
- London Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2011
- The Mayor's Transport Strategy 2010

- Mayor of London's Municipal Waste Management Strategy 2008
- Mayor's Ambient Noise Strategy 2004
- London Housing Strategy 2010
- London Tree and Woodland Framework 2005
- Revised London View Management Framework SPG 2010
- The London Rivers Action Plan 2009
- Mayor's Best Practice Guidance on Health Issues in Planning 2007
- Mayor's Supplementary Guidance Sustainable Design and Construction 2014
- Mayor's Supplementary Guidance Accessible London: Achieving an inclusive environment 2014
- Mayor's Supplementary Guidance Shaping Neighbourhoods Play and Informal Recreation 2012
- Shaping Neighbourhoods: Character and Context 2014
- London Planning Statement 2014
- Housing in London 2014
- All London Green Grid 2012
- London's Foundations 2012

Lewisham

- Lewisham Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2020
- Lewisham Core Strategy 2011
- Community Safety Strategy 2012-2017
- Safer Lewisham Plan 2013-2014
- Corporate Plan 2008-2011
- Lewisham Regeneration Strategy 2008-2020
- Lewisham Housing Strategy 2009 -2014
- Lewisham Municipal Waste Strategy
- Lewisham Children and Young People's Plan 2012-2015
- Lewisham Carbon Reduction and Climate Change Strategy 2008
- Social Inclusion Strategy 2005-2013
- Healthier Communities – A health and well-being framework for Lewisham (Draft 2007-2010)
- Lewisham Leisure and Open Space Study 2010
- Lewisham Open Space Strategy 2012-2017
- Local Biodiversity Action Plan – A Natural Renaissance For Lewisham 2006-2011
- Lewisham Borough Sports Plan 2010-2013
- Lewisham Local Air Quality Action Plan 2008
- Lewisham Strategic Flood Risk Assessment 2014
- Lewisham Flood Risk and Development Sequential Test 2009
- Lewisham Local Implementation Plan (Transport) 2010

- Lewisham Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2014 and the South East London Sub-regional SHMA 2009
- Health, Well-Being and Care – Lewisham Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) 2009
- Lewisham Conservation Area Management Plans
- Lewisham Borough Wide Character Study 2010
- Control of Pollution and Noise from Demolition and Construction Sites Code of Practice May 2008
- Healthy Weight Healthy Lives (PCT with LB Lewisham) 2009
- Creative Lewisham – Lewisham Cultural and Urban Development Commission 2009-2013
- Control of Pollution and Noise from Demolition Construction Sites Code of Practice May 2008
- Lewisham River Corridor Improvement Plan 2015
- Lewisham Planning Obligations SPD 2011
- Lewisham Bromley Road Supplementary Planning Document 2009

4.0 Baseline

Baseline data collection

- 4.1 The collection of baseline data is part 2 of Stage A, set out in Table 1, above. The baseline outlines the current and likely future state of the London Borough of Lewisham. The baseline provides the context for predicting and monitoring the impacts of the Lewisham Local Plan. The baseline assessment supports the identification of the sustainability issues in the London Borough of Lewisham relevant to the Lewisham Local Plan.
- 4.2 The full baseline assessment is presented in Appendix B. The baseline data is presented in line with the headings set out within Annex 1 (f) of the SEA Directive, as follows:
- Climate;
 - Air;
 - Biodiversity, flora and fauna;
 - Soil;
 - Water;
 - Population and human health;
 - Material assets;
 - Cultural heritage;
 - Landscape; and
 - Waste.

Limitations and assumptions

- 4.3 The data relates to the London Borough of Lewisham as a whole.
- 4.4 The following gaps in baseline data were identified through the assessment:
- Number of developments granted planning permission incorporating renewable energy solutions;
 - Number of bedrooms in new dwellings;
 - Planning applications obtaining new open space or public access linkages per year;
 - Number of planning applications approved with waste management/recycling facilities incorporated; and
 - Specific data covering public rights of way, cycle parking and lighting.
- 4.5 Gaps in baseline data will be addressed through the ongoing monitoring processes of the Council's Annual Monitoring Report.

5.0 Sustainability Requirements, Issues and Trends

- 5.1 Part 3 of Stage A, set out within Table 1, above, is the identification of the key sustainability requirements, issues and trends relevant to the formulation of the Lewisham Local Plan. These issues indicate which areas the SA will need to address. The baseline data and the policy context have been used to identify the relevant requirements, the current issues and the likely future trends in the London Borough of Lewisham.
- 5.2 The general sustainability issues for the Lewisham Local Plan have been identified and are presented under broad themes in Table 3, below.

Table 3: Sustainability Requirements, Issues and Trends

Key issues	Source
Social Progress that meets the needs of Everyone	
Housing	
<p>The population in Lewisham is expected to rise.</p> <p>The demand for affordable housing in Lewisham is very high. The average income of the majority of households is insufficient to buy a house.</p>	<p>National Planning Policy Framework 2012</p> <p>National Planning Practice Guidance 2014</p> <p>Housing Act 2004</p> <p>The London Plan 2015</p> <p>Lewisham Core Strategy 2011</p> <p>London Housing Strategy 2010</p> <p>Housing in London 2014</p> <p>Lewisham Core Strategy 2011</p> <p>Lewisham Housing Strategy 2009 -2014</p>
Health	
<p>The health of the Lewisham population is an essential consideration, including access to open space and healthcare.</p> <p>Lewisham experiences significantly worse health outcomes than London and England.</p>	<p>National Planning Policy Framework 2012</p> <p>National Planning Practice Guidance 2014</p> <p>The London Plan 2015</p> <p>Healthier Communities – A health and well-being framework for Lewisham</p>
Poverty	
<p>There are areas with high levels of poverty and social deprivation in the London Borough of Lewisham.</p>	<p>Mayor’s Supplementary Guidance</p> <p>Accessible London: Achieving an inclusive environment</p> <p>Social Inclusion Strategy 2005-2013</p>

Crime	
<p>Crime, antisocial behavior and fear of crime are important considerations.</p> <p>A safe environment should be created, with high quality, people friendly spaces.</p> <p>Pedestrian movements, lighting and improvements to unsafe areas should be considered.</p>	<p>Lewisham Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2020</p> <p>Community Safety Strategy 2012-2017</p> <p>Safer Lewisham Plan 2013-2014</p>
Leisure, Tourism and Community Infrastructure	
<p>There is a demand for leisure facilities in Lewisham, especially for young people.</p> <p>A diverse range of arts, cultural, professional sporting and entertainment enterprises and the cultural, social and economic benefits that they offer to residents, workers and visitors, should be considered.</p>	<p>National Planning Policy Framework 2012</p> <p>The London Plan 2015</p> <p>Lewisham Core Strategy 2011</p> <p>Bromley Road SPD 2009</p>
People, Diversity and Inclusive Environments	
<p>Lewisham is the 15th most ethnically diverse local authority in England and 130 different languages are spoken.</p> <p>Development is required to achieve the highest standards of accessible and inclusive design and support the principles of inclusive design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • can be used safely, easily and with dignity by all regardless of disability, age, gender, ethnicity or economic circumstances; • are convenient and welcoming with no disabling barriers, so everyone can use them independently without undue effort, separation or special treatment; • are flexible and responsive taking account of what different people say they need and want; • are realistic, offering more than one solution to help balance everyone's needs, recognising that one solution may not work for all. 	<p>National Planning Policy Framework 2012</p> <p>National Planning Practice Guidance 2014</p> <p>National Standards on Accessibility</p> <p>Lewisham Regeneration Strategy 2008-2020</p> <p>London Plan 2011</p>

Effective protection of the Environment and prudent use of resources	
Waste	
<p>Waste generation should be reduced and recycling rates should be improved.</p> <p>Development must ensure adequate wastewater infrastructure capacity is available.</p>	<p>National Planning Practice Guidance 2014</p> <p>Mayor of London's Municipal Waste Management Strategy 2008</p> <p>Lewisham Core Strategy 2011</p> <p>Lewisham Municipal Waste Strategy</p>
Transport and Access	
<p>Public transport needs to be made more appealing and car movements and car parking better managed.</p> <p>Development should improve connectivity throughout the area for pedestrians and cyclists and provide new accessible public spaces and contribute to improving the relationship with the rivers.</p> <p>There is a need to reduce pollution from transport, particularly private cars.</p> <p>The Thames and other waterways should be promoted for public transport and freight movements.</p>	<p>National Planning Policy Framework 2012</p> <p>National Planning Practice Guidance 2014</p> <p>The London Plan 2015</p> <p>The Mayor's Transport Strategy 2010</p> <p>Lewisham Core Strategy 2011</p> <p>Bromley Road SPD 2009</p> <p>Lewisham Local Implementation Plan (Transport) 2010 (LIP)</p>
Landscape and Cultural Heritage	
<p>There are areas of Lewisham which require an improved image, in terms of design and the built form.</p> <p>Spaces and places need to be balanced with the need to protect Listed Buildings, Conservation Areas and other heritage assets, respecting the architectural identity and character of the Borough.</p> <p>The design of the natural environment requires consideration in terms of open space.</p> <p>Aim to establish links with the Thames, increase the connectivity to the streetscape and create a sense of place.</p>	<p>National Planning Policy Framework 2012</p> <p>The London Plan 2015</p> <p>Mayor's Supplementary Guidance Sustainable Design and Construction</p> <p>Lewisham Core Strategy 2011</p> <p>London's Foundations 2012</p> <p>English Heritage documents</p> <p>Tall Buildings Study 2012</p> <p>Lewisham Borough-wide Character Study 2010</p>
Climate Change	
<p>Climatic change due to greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuel use is likely to affect the natural environment.</p>	<p>National Planning Policy Framework 2012</p> <p>National Planning Practice Guidance 2014</p> <p>Planning and Energy Act 2008</p> <p>Climate Change Act 2008</p>

<p>There is a need to increase the proportion of energy used from renewable resources (including decentralised energy networks).</p> <p>Sustainable and Efficient Land Use should be promoted, with a clear integration with transport.</p> <p>Climate change will affect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequency of flooding. Damage to roads and overloading of sewers may become more commonplace; • Historic and urban environment. Affecting built form and infrastructure; • Population Health. With extremes of temperature, expected; and • Biodiversity within the Area. <p>Development must take measures to mitigate and offset these issues.</p> <p>Lewisham Council have responded to climate change through the introduction a new target to meet a 44% reduction in carbon emissions by 2020 from a 2005 baseline.</p> <p>The Home Energy Conservation Act Report produced by Lewisham Council sets out a summary of the Council's priorities, targets and plans for action to improve the energy efficiency of housing in the borough. These plans should be adhered to in order to achieve such targets.</p>	<p>National Standards on Energy</p> <p>Energy White Paper 2003</p> <p>The London Plan 2015</p> <p>Mayor's Housing Strategy</p> <p>Lewisham Core Strategy 2011</p> <p>Lewisham Energy Strategy</p> <p>London Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2011</p> <p>Lewisham Carbon Reduction and Climate Change Strategy 2008</p> <p>UK Climate Change Risk Assessment : Government Report (Defra, 2012)</p> <p>UK Climate Change Risk Assessment : Government Report 2012</p> <p>Lewisham's Climate Change Local Action Plan December 2013</p> <p>Lewisham Home Energy Conservation Act Report March 2015</p>
<p>Air, Noise and Soil</p>	
<p>The Air Quality Strategy objectives should be adhered to, particularly within the London Borough of Lewisham's five Air Quality Management Areas</p> <p>Future development must encompass and encourage a reduction in air pollution.</p> <p>Development proposals should seek to reduce noise by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting practices and technologies to reduce noise; • Separate noise sensitive development from major noise sources; and 	<p>National Planning Policy Framework 2012</p> <p>National Planning Practice Guidance 2014</p> <p>UK Air Quality Strategy</p> <p>The London Plan 2015</p> <p>The Mayor's Air Quality Strategy 2010</p> <p>Lewisham Local Air Quality Action Plan 2008</p> <p>Lewisham Assessment of Air Quality 2009</p> <p>Mayor's Ambient Noise Strategy</p> <p>Noise Policy Statement for England 2010</p> <p>Lewisham Soil Contamination Strategy</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimising existing and potential impacts of noise (on and off site). <p>Development of brownfield land should have appropriate measures to prevent any significant harm to human health or the environment, in relation to ground contamination.</p> <p>Sustainable urban drainage systems should be implemented.</p>	
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Biodiversity (Flora / Fauna) and Open Space	
<p>Recognise the value of urban green spaces and their contribution to regeneration and quality of life. They give opportunities for people to have contact with the natural world and are essential for providing habitats to encourage biodiversity.</p> <p>There are concerns upon the availability and maintenance of open, green space in the borough.</p> <p>Promotion of urban greening – planting in the public realm and multifunctional green infrastructure to mitigate and adapt to climate change.</p> <p>The role of rivers (Thames, Ravensbourne, Quaggy and Pool rivers and Deptford Creek) and their potential when properly protected, managed and restored (re-naturalised) also contributes to recreation and well-being, and can contribute to the borough’s amenity and biodiversity value.</p> <p>The potential effects of development upon biodiversity, wildlife habitats, geological features and nature conservation must be taken into account when considering development.</p>	<p>National Planning Policy Framework 2012</p> <p>London Plan 2011</p> <p>The Mayor’s Biodiversity Action Plan 2010-2015</p> <p>Lewisham Core Strategy 2011</p> <p>Local Biodiversity Action Plan – A Natural Renaissance For Lewisham</p> <p>Lewisham Leisure and Open Space Study 2010</p> <p>Lewisham Open Space Strategy 2012-2017</p> <p>Lewisham Planning Obligation SPD 2011</p> <p>Bromley Road SPD 2009</p> <p>Our River Habitats – River Habitats in the Thames River Basin District: Current State and Character (EA, 2010)</p> <p>Ravensbourne River Corridor Improvement Plan 2010</p>
Water and Rivers/Waterways	
<p>Waterways within Lewisham are to be preserved and enhanced to ensure they contribute to the Blue Ribbon Network Principles, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water quality; • Landscape; • Biodiversity; • Amenity; • Historical Value; and • Recreational and Health Benefits. <p>Water efficiency initiatives are needed to reduce daily water use and maintain the supply-demand balance. Development shall install practices and technologies to achieve this.</p>	<p>National Planning Policy Framework 2012</p> <p>National Planning Practice Guidance 2014</p> <p>The London Plan 2015</p> <p>Lewisham Core Strategy 2011</p> <p>Flood and Water Management Act 2010</p> <p>Thames Water Resources Management Plan</p> <p>Lewisham Strategic Flood Risk Assessment 2015</p> <p>Thames Estuary (TE2100) Management Plan 2012</p> <p>Thames River Basin Management Plan 2009</p> <p>The London Rivers Action Plan 2009</p> <p>National Adaption Programme – Making the country resilient to a changing climate (Defra, 2013)</p>

<p>At least 1/5 residential and non-residential properties are at risk from flooding from water sources in Lewisham. With climate change the frequency and severity of storms and flooding will increase. Measures are needed to mitigate affects upon existing development and land uses.</p> <p>Sustainable urban drainage systems should be implemented.</p> <p>Development should restore and enhance London's Blue Ribbon Network.</p> <p>Restoration and management of waterways should focus upon natural processes to prevent erosion and mitigate for flooding.</p> <p>The area of open space should be increased to provide flood storage.</p> <p>Development adjacent to rivers and waterways should contribute to their special character by improving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The urban design quality and natural ability of the rivers and waterways to function; • The viability of river frontages; • Improving access to the foreshore and naturalizing flood defenses; and • Promoting water related uses and transport uses. <p>Lewisham Published a new Strategic Flood Risk Assessment this year, 2015.</p> <p>As a result of national standards for energy and water efficiency, the council will require, from the 1st October 2015, new residential development to meet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy efficiency at a 19% improvement in the Dwelling Emission Rate over the Target Emission Rate as defined in Part 1LA of the 2013 Building Regulations • And for water efficiency a maximum of 110 litres of water per person per day, this figure includes a 5 litre allowance for external water 	<p>Working with Natural Processes to Manage Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk (EA, 2010)</p> <p>Greater working with Natural Processes to Manage Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk (EA, 2012)</p> <p>Ravensbourne River Corridor Improvement Plan 2010</p> <p>Our River Habitats – River Habitats in the Thames River Basin District: Current State and Character (EA, 2010)</p> <p>Draft River Corridor Improvement Plan SPD 2015</p>
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use.	
Maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth	
Employment	
<p>With population in the borough expected to increase there is a requirement to protect and improve the local economy and minimise the need to source employment from outside.</p> <p>Sustained economic growth is essential as Lewisham's underlying economy is one of the smallest in London.</p> <p>The development (and re-development) of employment uses, must improve the overall environmental quality through associated provisions.</p>	<p>National Planning Policy Framework</p> <p>The London Plan 2015</p> <p>The Mayor's Economic Development Strategy 2010</p> <p>Lewisham Core Strategy 2011</p>
Education	
<p>Access to education, skills and training is vital, as 25% of the population of Lewisham has no qualifications.</p>	<p>The Mayor's Economic Development Strategy 2010</p>

6.0 SA Framework

- 6.1 Part 4 of Stage A, as described in Table 1, above, is developing the SA framework. The formulation of the SA framework includes setting the measurable objectives, using identified indicators, to appraise the Lewisham Local Plan. The results of parts 1, 2 and 3 of Stage A have informed the development of the objectives. Sustainability requirements, issues and trends have supported the determination of the scope of the SA framework.
- 6.2 The objectives are supported by specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-related (SMART) indicators. The objectives and indicators facilitate the comparison of options, the prediction and assessment of impacts and monitoring. The SA framework focuses on areas where significant effects are likely.
- 6.3 The sustainability objectives and indicators are presented in Table 4, below. The relevant targets and measures for monitoring are set out in Appendix C.

Table 4: SA Objectives and Indicators

SA Objective	Indicator
Social	
1. To provide sufficient housing and the opportunity to live in a decent home	Number of housing completions Number of affordable housing completions (by tenure type) Mix of housing tenure Mix in dwelling sizes Provision of student/other specialist housing
2. To improve the health of the population	Households with limiting long-term illness Mortality rate from circulatory diseases at age under 75 Mortality rate from all cancers at age 75 of under Health life expectancy at age 65 Number of people taking part in activities that improve physical and mental health in the borough
3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion	Number of recorded racial incidents Indices of Multiple Deprivation
4. To reduce crime, antisocial behavior and the fear of crime	Number of schemes incorporating 'secured by design' Number of offences per 1,000 population Detailed indicators for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence against the person • Burglaries

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robberies • Violent crime • Sexual offences
5. To improve accessibility to leisure facilities, community infrastructure and key local services	<p>Gain/loss of community/recreational facilities</p> <p>Delivery of identified social infrastructure</p> <p>Funding for community facility improvements secured</p>
6. To improve accessibility and achieve all principles of inclusive design.	<p>Number of complaints related to accessibility concerns / incidents.</p> <p>Number of complaints related to discrimination concerns / incidents.</p> <p>Provision of suitable disabled access facilities to existing and proposed development.</p>
Environmental	
7. To minimise the production of waste and increase waste recovery and recycling	<p>% of waste recycled, reused or composted</p> <p>Tonnes of waste sent to landfill per year</p> <p>Residual household waste per year</p> <p>Amount of waste recycled on site by residents and employment industries</p>
8. To reduce car travel and improve accessibility by sustainable modes of transport	<p>Number of car parking spaces delivered in new development</p> <p>Number of completed car limited developments</p> <p>Number of car clubs and parking bays</p> <p>% of permitted major developments with a travel plan</p> <p>Proportion of journeys made on foot and by bicycle</p> <p>Number of electric car charging points</p> <p>Improvements to legibility and signage</p> <p>Improved pedestrian and cycle routes and crossings</p> <p>Number of cycle parking spaces provided for each new home or other development and public realm</p> <p>Improved lighting and natural surveillance on pedestrian and cycle paths</p> <p>Number of road accident casualties per 1,000 population serious or fatal</p> <p>Public transport accessibility levels</p> <p>Improved river and waterways routes and access</p>

<p>9. Maintain and enhance landscapes and townscapes. To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment</p>	<p>Number of key views maintained and enhanced</p> <p>Pre applications and applications considered by the design review panel</p> <p>Number of interventions aimed at improving streetscapes</p> <p>Number of designated heritage assets (including listed buildings and conservation areas)</p> <p>Number of undesignated heritage assets (locally listed buildings, areas of archaeological significance)</p> <p>% of applications where archaeological strategies were developed and implemented</p> <p>Number of applications that have considered views of strategic importance</p> <p>Condition of designated and undesignated heritage assets</p>
<p>10. To mitigate and adapt to the impact of climate change</p>	<p>Number and capacity of decentralised energy granted/completed</p> <p>Number, type and capacity of renewable energy granted/completed</p> <p>Number and size of living roofs granted/completed</p> <p>Number of new developments incorporating water efficiency measures</p>
<p>11. To improve air quality and soil conditions and reduce noise and vibration</p>	<p>LLSOA Electricity and Gas consumption</p> <p>Per capita reductions in CO2</p> <p>Levels exceeding Main Air Pollutant Quality Standards</p> <p>Levels of NO2 and PM10</p> <p>Number of complaints related to noise from roads, construction, maintenance, noisy neighbours and/or other.</p> <p>Number of Considerate Constructors schemes registered with new developments and refurbishments</p> <p>Number of Brownfield sites redeveloped</p> <p>Areas of land brought back into beneficial use</p>
<p>12. To increase, maintain and enhance open space, biodiversity, flora and fauna</p>	<p>Area of designated habitats</p> <p>Number and size of biodiverse brown living roofs granted/completed</p> <p>Number of bat and other bird boxes delivered as part of new developments</p>

	<p>Number of applications granted or refused on designated open space and within SINCs</p> <p>Amount of new or improved open space provided, including that which provides a net gain for biodiversity and accessible natural greenspace</p> <p>Number of new allotments and community gardens</p> <p>Funding secured for open space improvements</p>
13. To mitigate flood risk, improve water quality, manage water resources, and restore and enhance the river network.	<p>Number of planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on either flood defense grounds or water quality</p> <p>Number of SUDS granted and delivered</p> <p>Water pollution incidents</p> <p>Flooding incidents</p> <p>Change in chemical river quality</p> <p>Number of developments approved against the recommendation of the statutory water/sewerage undertaker on low pressure/flooding grounds</p> <p>Number of Considerate Constructors schemes registered with new developments and refurbishments</p> <p>River restoration projects</p> <p>Funding secured for waterways improvements</p>
Economic	
14. To encourage sustained economic growth	<p>Area of employment land with mixed use employment location (MEL) and local employment location (LEL)</p> <p>Size and type of employment floorspace</p> <p>Amount of vacant employment floorspace</p> <p>Amount of new completed employment floor space</p> <p>New business registration rate</p> <p>Rent levels of employment accommodation</p>
15. To promote access to employment, education, skills and training	<p>Employee numbers in Lewisham</p> <p>% of businesses in the area showing employment growth</p> <p>Job density in Lewisham</p> <p>Number of employed and unemployed living in the area</p>

	<p>Numbers of employees and business owners who are BME</p> <p>% of population of working age who claim unemployment benefit</p> <p>Number of pupils achieving 5 or more GCSE's at grades A* to C or equivalent</p> <p>People aged 16-74 with no qualifications</p> <p>Number of full and part time courses provided</p> <p>Number of full and part time people participating in educational courses/events in the area</p> <p>Funding secured for improvements in the quality and level of education infrastructure</p>
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6.4 The sustainability objectives are supported by decision aiding questions to aid the appraisal of the Lewisham Local Plan. The decision aiding questions are presented in Appendix D.

6.5 Table 5 presents an assessment of the internal consistency of the SA Objectives.

Table 5: Compatibility of SA Objectives

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Compatible:	√
Incompatible:	x
Uncertain:	?

7.0 Methodology

Lewisham Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation

Plan-makers should assess the policies in a draft Local Plan, and the reasonable alternatives, to identify the likely significant effects of the available options (Stage B). Forecasting and evaluation of the significant effects should help to develop and refine the proposals in each Local Plan document.

Reasonable alternatives should be identified and considered at an early stage in the plan making process, as the assessment of these should inform the local planning authority in choosing its preferred approach (when developing alternatives, paragraph 152 of the National Planning Policy Framework should be referred to).

Stage B should also involve considering ways of mitigating any adverse effects, maximising beneficial effects and ways of monitoring likely significant effects.

The sustainability appraisal needs to compare all reasonable alternatives including the preferred approach and assess these against the baseline environmental, economic and social characteristics of the area and the likely situation if the Local Plan were not to be adopted.

The sustainability appraisal should predict and evaluate the effects of the preferred approach and reasonable alternatives and should clearly identify the significant positive and negative effects of each alternative.

The sustainability appraisal should identify, describe and evaluate the likely significant effects on environmental, economic and social factors using the evidence base. Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment are set out in Schedule 1 to the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

The sustainability appraisal should identify any likely significant adverse effects and measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and, as fully as possible, offset them. The sustainability appraisal must consider all reasonable alternatives and assess them in the same level of detail as the option the plan-maker proposes to take forward in the Local Plan (the preferred approach).

Reasonable alternatives are the different realistic options considered by the plan-maker in developing the policies in its plan. They must be sufficiently distinct to highlight the different sustainability implications of each so that meaningful comparisons can be made. The alternatives must be realistic and deliverable.

The sustainability appraisal should outline the reasons the alternatives were selected, the reasons the rejected options were not taken forward and the reasons for selecting the preferred approach in light of the alternatives. It should provide conclusions on the overall sustainability of the different alternatives, including those selected as the preferred approach in the Local Plan. Any assumptions used in assessing the significance of effects of the Local Plan should be documented.

The development and appraisal of proposals in Local Plan documents should be an iterative process, with the proposals being revised to take account of the appraisal findings. This should inform the selection, refinement and publication of proposals (when preparing a Local Plan, paragraph 152 of the National Planning Policy Framework should be considered).

Prepare the publication version of Lewisham Local Plan

Regulation 12 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 sets out the formal requirements of an 'environmental report', which should form an integral part of the sustainability appraisal report and is a core output of any strategic environmental assessment. An environmental report for the purpose of the regulations must identify, describe and evaluate the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the Local Plan policies and of the reasonable alternatives taking into account the objectives and geographical scope of the Local Plan. The sustainability appraisal report must clearly show how these requirements have been met as well as recording the wider assessment of social and economic effects.

The sustainability appraisal must include a non-technical summary of the information within the main report. The summary should be prepared with a range of readers in mind, and provide a clear, accessible overview of the process and findings.

Seek representations on the publication Local Plan (regulation 19)

The local planning authority must consult the consultation bodies and other parties who, in its opinion, are affected or likely to be affected by, or have an interest in, the decisions involved in the assessment and adoption or making of the plan. Further details on consultation procedures are set out in regulation 13 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

The local planning authority may also want to consult those they are inviting representations from, as part of the development of the Local Plan itself. The sustainability appraisal report, including the non-technical summary, must be published alongside the draft Local Plan for a minimum of six weeks.

The sustainability appraisal report will not necessarily have to be amended if the Local Plan is modified following responses to consultations. Modifications to the sustainability appraisal should be considered only where appropriate and proportionate to the level of change being made to the Local Plan. A change is likely to be significant if it substantially alters the Plan and/ or is likely to give to significant effects.

Further assessment may be required if the changes have not previously been assessed and are likely to give rise to significant effects. A further round of consultation on the sustainability appraisal may also be required in such circumstances but this should only be undertaken where necessary. Changes to the Local Plan that are not significant will not require further sustainability appraisal work.

Lewisham Local Plan Examination

The sustainability appraisal report should be submitted with the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination. The sustainability appraisal report will be examined as part of the evidence base for the Local Plan.

The sustainability appraisal report should help to integrate different areas of evidence and to demonstrate why the proposals in the Local Plan are the most appropriate.

It is up to the local planning authority to decide whether the sustainability appraisal report should be amended following proposed changes to an emerging plan. A local planning authority can ask the Inspector to recommend changes to the submission Local Plan to make it sound or they can propose their own changes.

If the local planning authority assesses that necessary changes are significant, and were not previously subject to sustainability appraisal, then further sustainability appraisal may be required and the sustainability appraisal report should be updated and amended accordingly.

Lewisham Local Plan Adoption and Monitoring

Regulation 16 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 sets out the post-adoption requirements of the local planning authority.

Local planning authorities should monitor the significant environmental effects of implementing the Local Plan (as required by Regulation 17 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004). This will enable local planning authorities to identify unforeseen adverse effects at an early stage and to enable appropriate remedial actions.

Details of monitoring arrangements must be included in the sustainability appraisal report, the post-adoption statement or in the Local Plan itself. The monitoring results should be reported in the local planning authority's Monitoring Report.

8.0 Next steps and consultation

Next steps

8.1 The SA will inform the preparation of the publication version of Lewisham Local Plan. The SA is an iterative process which will follow the stages set out below:

- Scoping Report;
- Draft SA;
- Final (adoption) SA;
- Adoption Statement; and
- Monitoring and Review.

Consultation

8.2 The Council is seeking comments on the information and proposals set out in the Scoping Report in order to ensure that all aspects of sustainability are considered as part of the appraisal process and in the formulation of the Lewisham Local Plan.

8.3 The following questions are intended to guide consultation responses:

- Question 1: Have the relevant plans, policies and programmes been considered? Should any further plans, policies or programmes be included?
- Question 2: Does the baseline information reflect the current situation in the London Borough of Lewisham? Is there additional social, environmental or economic data which should be considered?
- Question 3: Do the issues identified in this report cover all the sustainability matters relevant to the Lewisham Local Plan?
- Question 4: Are the sustainability objectives, indicators and targets suitable? Should additional objectives, indicators or targets be included?

8.4 Please forward any comments by 5pm on Friday 20th November 2015 to:

Email: planning.policy@lewisham.gov.uk

with 'Local Plan Scoping Report' as the subject heading

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Appendix A
Plans, Policies and Programmes

Plans, Policies and Programmes	Relevant objectives	Implications for Lewisham Local Plan
International – All info apart from the National Section is taken from the 2005 Scoping Report		
The Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development 2002	Commitment to sustainability principles and the sustainable development agenda agreed at Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit in 1992.	The definition of sustainable development 'meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs'.
The Kyoto Agreement 1997	The key aim is to limit and/or reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases.	Reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage 1972 (UNESCO)	Article 5 – To ensure that effective and active measures are taken for the protection, conservation and presentation of cultural and natural heritage and to adopt a general policy which aims to give the cultural and natural heritage a function in the life of the community and to integrate the protection of that heritage into comprehensive planning programmes.	The protection of Lewisham's cultural and natural heritage.
Agenda 21 Declaration Rio de Janeiro 1992	Committed countries to the principles of sustainable development. The Convention came into force on 29 December 1993. It has three main objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conserve biological diversity; • Sustainable use of biological diversity; • Fair and equitable sharing of the benefits of biological diversity. 	The integration and balancing of economic, environmental and social objectives. Ensure the protection and enhancement of the area's biodiversity.
Convention on Biological Diversity, Rio de Janeiro 1992	The Convention outlines three main goals for the conservation, protection and enhancement of biological diversity; the conservation of biological diversity, its sustainable use, and the equitable sharing of benefits associated with genetic resources. National strategies and action plans must be implemented by Contracting Parties to achieve these goals.	Minimise impacts on biodiversity. View ecosystems holistically, rather than focussing on islands of protected species.
European		
SEA Directive 2001/42/EC	Requires an assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment and prescribes the environmental issues to assess.	Ensure key environmental issues are assessed and considered.

<p>European Sustainable Development Strategy 2001 (Reviewed in 2009)</p>	<p>Environmental objectives and priorities derived from the EU Sixth Environmental Action Programme focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • limiting climate change and increasing the use of clean energy; • addressing threats to public health (e.g. hazardous chemicals, food safety); • combating poverty and social exclusion; • dealing with the economic and social implications of an ageing society; • managing natural resources more responsibly (including biodiversity and waste generation); • improving the transport system and land use management. 	<p>The integration and balancing of economic, environmental and social objectives.</p>
<p>European Spatial Declaration on Sustainable Development, EU 1999</p>	<p>The aim is to work towards a balanced and sustainable development of the territory of the European Union.</p>	<p>The integration and balancing of economic, environmental and social objectives.</p>
<p>European Spatial Development Perspective 1999</p>	<p>ESDP aims to ensure that the three fundamental goals of European policy are achieved equally in all the regions of EU:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • economic and social cohesion; • conservation and management of natural resources and the cultural heritage; • more balanced competitiveness of the European territory. 	<p>Economic and social cohesion, protecting and enhancing historic and cultural heritage, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.</p>
<p>European Directive 92/43/EEC (& 97/62/EC) on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora</p>	<p>Promote the maintenance of biodiversity by requiring member states to introduce robust protection measures to maintain or restore natural habitats and wild species.</p>	<p>Minimise the impact on natural habitats.</p>
<p>European Directive on Conservation of Wild Birds 2009 (2009/147/EC)</p>	<p>The maintenance of the favourable conservation status of all wild bird species across their distributional range.</p>	<p>Preserve habitats for birds.</p>

European Directive 2002/49/EC (Noise)	The Environmental Noise Directive aims to “define a common approach intended to avoid, prevent or reduce on a prioritised basis the harmful effects, including annoyance, due to the exposure to environmental noise”. It aims at providing a basis for developing EU measures to reduce noise emitted by major sources, in particular road and rail vehicles and infrastructure, aircraft, outdoor and industrial equipment and mobile machinery.	Mitigation of adverse impacts on health and well-being from temporary and permanent noise nuisance.
European Directive on Ambient Air Quality Assessment and Management (96/62/EC) and daughter directives	The Directives aim to reduce specified air pollutants. Limits have been translated into UK law in Air Quality Regulations.	Monitor progress in relation to air quality.
European Directive 2000/60/EC (Water Framework Directive)	To establish a framework to address pollution of waterways from urban wastewater and agriculture and to improve Europe’s waterways. Target: Member States to produce River Basin Management Plans by 2009 and to achieve the environmental objectives of the Plans by 2016.	Protection of ground and surface water from incidental, as well as accidental pollution.
EU Community Biodiversity Strategy 2012 - 2020	Seeks the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity (ecosystems in their natural surroundings).	Protection and enhancement of biodiversity.
EU Landfill Directive (99/31/EC)	To prevent or reduce as far as possible negative effects on the environment, in particular the pollution of surface water, ground water, soil and air, and on the global environment, including the greenhouse effect, as well as any resulting risk to human health, from the land-filling of waste, during the whole life-cycle of the landfill.	Minimise waste generation and maximise sustainable waste management.
European Waste Framework Directive (75/442/EEC, as amended in 1991)	The Directive seeks to reduce the quantity of waste going to landfill and introduces the waste hierarchy of prevention, reuse, recycle, recovery, and disposal.	Reduce the amount of waste requiring final disposal. Monitor the proportion of waste reduced/recycled/recovered.
Directive 2003/87/EC (establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading)	Introduces a European wide emissions trading scheme.	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and overall carbon footprint. Reflect carbon reduction targets.

EU Seventh Environmental Action Plan 2013 - 2020	Seeks a high level of protection of the environment and human health and for general improvements in the environment and quality of life.	Protect and enhance overall environmental quality.
National		
National Planning Policy Framework	The National Planning Policy Framework includes a presumption in favour of sustainable development and sets out the social, economic and environmental roles of the planning system.	A presumption in favour of sustainable development, considering the social, economic and environmental roles of the planning system.
Environmental Assessment of Plans & Programmes Regulations 2004	Transposes the SEA directive into UK law.	Reflect the regulations and associated guidance note.
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004	The Act provides the statutory planning framework for England.	Comply with legislation.
Town and Country Planning Act 1990	Sets out the procedures for the preparation, approval and adoption of Local Plans.	Comply with legislation.
Housing Act 2004	Requires Local Planning Authorities to complete an accommodation assessment and consider how to meet Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs as part of their housing and planning requirements.	Comply with legislation.
Planning and Energy Act 2008	An Act to enable Local Planning Authorities to set requirements for energy use and energy efficiency in Local Plans.	Energy efficiency to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
Climate Change Act 2008	The Act creates a new approach to managing and responding to climate change in the UK.	Consideration of impacts on Climate Change.
Noise Policy Statement for England 2010	<p>The Noise Policy Statement for England aims to provide the necessary clarity and direction to enable decisions to be made regarding what is an acceptable noise burden to place on society.</p> <p>To avoid significant adverse impacts on health and quality of life; mitigate and minimise adverse impacts on health and quality of life; and where possible, contribute to their improvement.</p>	<p>Avoid noise impacts.</p> <p>Mitigation of adverse impacts on health and well-being from noise.</p>

UK Air Quality Strategy 'Working together for clean air'	Everyone can enjoy a level of ambient air quality in public places which poses no significant risk to health or quality of life.	Improve Air Quality. Encourage reduction or mitigation of air polluting land uses.
Energy White Paper 2003: Our energy, our future, creating a low carbon economy	The Strategy seeks to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce waste by making products with fewer natural resources; • Break the link between economic growth and waste growth; • Most products should be used or their materials recycled; • Recover energy from other wastes. 	Waste hierarchy – reduce, reuse, recycle.
Environment Agency, Creating a better place strategy 2010-2015	The strategy shows how the EA will work in specific areas to achieve its aims relating to biodiversity, climate change, flood risk, creating sustainable places and waste management.	Biodiversity, climate change, flood risk, and waste management.
Thames Catchment Flood Management Plan and TE2100 Plan November 2012	Provides an overview of flood risk in the Thames catchment and sets out the EAs preferred plan for sustainable flood risk management over the next 50 to 100 years.	Manage flood risk.
Thames River Basin Management Plan 2009	Pressures facing the water environment in this river basin district, and the actions that will address them.	Protection of water quality.
Climate Change and the Historic Environment (English Heritage, 2007)	Provides an overview of climate change impacts on the historic environment and of the impacts associated with responses to climate change.	Impacts on heritage assets and the wider historic environment.
Building in Context (English Heritage, CABE 2007)	Provides case-study examples of how new development can respond well to historic character in terms of design.	Impacts on heritage assets and the wider historic environment.
Seeing History in the View (English Heritage 2010)	Explains how the heritage significance of views can be assessed in a systematic and consistent way however these views have come into being.	Impacts on heritage assets and the wider historic environment.
Streets for All (English Heritage, 2006)	Shows how public realm upgrades can be designed to be appropriate to and enhance the historic environment.	Impacts on heritage assets and the wider historic environment.

London		
The London Plan March 2015	Strategic policies for spatial planning and development across London to ensure the city develops in a sustainable manner.	General conformity with the London Plan.
The Mayor's Air Quality Strategy 2010	Concentrates on policies to promote healthy living and sets out measures to tackle London's air quality problem.	Improve air quality.
The Mayor's Economic Development Strategy 2010	Sets out to encourage the expansion of opportunities for all its people and enterprises, achieving the highest environmental standards and quality of life.	Encourage sustainable economic growth.
The Mayor's Biodiversity Action Plan 2002	Sets policies and proposals to protect and care for London's biodiversity by encouraging the greening of the built environment and the use of open spaces in ecologically sensitive ways.	Protect and enhance biodiversity.
The Mayor's Cultural Strategy 2010	Sets out the Mayor's proposals for developing and promoting cultural life in London.	Ensure the enhancement of cultural and social growth.
London Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2008	Presents adaptation measures to address climate change within London.	Reducing the impacts and adapting to the effects of climate change.
The Mayor's Transport Strategy 2010	Details priority areas for transport that directly or indirectly benefit the environment and the London community.	Reduce the need for car travel and encourage sustainable modes of transport.
Mayor of London's Municipal Waste Management Strategy 2008	Reduce London's waste generation by 2020 and sustainably manage the waste created.	Reduce waste generation.
Mayor's Ambient Noise Strategy	Minimise the adverse impacts of noise on people living, working and visiting London, using the best available practises and technology.	Mitigation or avoidance of noise impacts.
London Housing Strategy 2010	Raise aspirations and promote opportunity: by producing affordable homes, particularly for families, and by increasing opportunities for home ownership; Improve homes and transform neighbourhoods: by improving design quality, by greening homes, by promoting successful, strong and mixed communities and by tackling empty homes.	Quality and affordability of housing supply.

London Tree and Woodland Framework	Plant the right trees in the right places to enhance the environment and quality of life.	Protect and enhance trees.
Revised London View Management Framework SPG 2010	New development needs to comply with appropriate viewing corridors that are located both within and across the borough.	Maintain and enhance the quality of the townscape.
The London Rivers Action Plan	Restoration of rivers and implementation of London Plan Blue Ribbon policies.	River restoration, access to rivers, acknowledgement of the positive role rivers and river restoration play in biodiversity, climate change and flood risk management.
Mayor's Best Practice Guidance on Health Issues in Planning	BPG promotes the Mayor's statutory duty to promote the health of Londoners. The guide helps boroughs tackle health inequalities and promote healthy developments. Helps Local Authorities to meet their obligations to promote wellbeing in their boroughs.	Appraise health and seek to reduce health inequalities.
Mayor's Supplementary Guidance Sustainable Design and Construction	The SPG seeks to ensure future developments meet the highest standards of sustainable design and construction.	The sustainable use of natural resources and reduced impact of climate change through energy efficient design and construction.
Mayor's Supplementary Guidance Accessible London: Achieving an inclusive environment	The SPG seeks to ensure the promotion of an inclusive accessible environment	Accessibility for all and inclusivity.
Mayor's Supplementary Guidance Providing for Children and Young People's Play and Informal Recreation	The SPG seeks to ensure the provision for children of free and accessible spaces offering high quality play opportunities.	Accessible open space and access for all.
Shaping Neighbourhoods: Character and Context 2014	The Mayor has published for public consultation draft Supplementary Planning Guidance on 'Shaping Neighbourhoods: Character and Context' to help with the implementation of policies in Chapter 7 of the 2011 London Plan, particularly Policies 7.4 on Local Character and 7.1 on Building London's Neighbourhoods and Communities.	Understand character and local context to identify how a place should develop.

London Planning Statement 2014	The Mayor has published for public consultation a draft 'London Planning Statement' as proposed London Plan Supplementary Planning Guidance. This is intended to fill the gap left by the Government's revocation of the former Government Office for London Circular 1/2008 by pulling together information about the Mayor's role in the London Planning system.	Propriety (in compliance with legal requirements regarding procedural fairness and propriety, and ensuring that decisions are properly based on relevant planning considerations); Promoting Sustainable Growth; and Viability (of development).
Housing in London 2014	Housing in London is the evidence base for the Mayor's London Housing Strategy. The Mayor formally adopted his London Housing Strategy in February 2010 and in December 2011 he consulted on proposals for a new Strategy.	Demographic pressures, housing affordability, the housing market, mobility and housing need, housing supply, decent housing, energy efficiency and fuel poverty.
All London Green Grid 2012	The All London Green Grid takes the principles of the East London Green Grid and applies them across London.	Integrated network of green and open spaces together with the Blue Ribbon Network of rivers and waterways.
London's Foundations 2012	Sets out London's geological heritage, explaining the process for identifying sites of national, regional and local geological importance, identifying important geological sites for protection and advising boroughs on how to promote as well as protect geodiversity.	Impacts on heritage assets and the wider historic environment.
Lewisham		
Lewisham Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) 2008-2028	The SCS sets out the vision for the borough up until 2020 and includes objectives to improve social, environmental and economic outcomes for the borough.	Improve social, environmental and economic outcomes for the borough.

Lewisham Core Strategy 2011	<p>The Core Strategy provides the spatial planning framework for the borough and is underpinned by five strategic objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regeneration and growth areas; • Providing new homes; • Growing the local economy; • Environmental management; • Building a sustainable community. 	Avoid, and secondarily minimise and compensate for, any significant negative effects on the community, in social and economic terms, or the environment.
Community Safety Strategy 2012-2017 (SCS), Safer Lewisham Plan 2013-2014	Sets out the results of the Strategic Assessment which identifies the key crime and disorder issues that face the borough, and the multi-agency actions that will be deployed to address them.	Reduce crime and the fear of crime.
Corporate Plan 2008-2011	<p>The purpose of the Corporate Plan is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • set out the Council's vision, values, strategic direction and key priorities for action up to 2009 and beyond; • outline the Council's contribution to the delivery of the SCS. 	Improve social, environmental and economic outcomes for the borough.
Lewisham Regeneration Strategy 2008-2020	<p>The strategy details twelve objectives that relate to three broad themes - people, prosperity and place.</p> <p>The strategy complements the SCS.</p>	Ensure the sustainable development of the borough.
Lewisham Housing Strategy 2009 -2014	Focuses on delivering the right housing mix to meet the housing needs and aspirations of all the borough's residents and achieving the wider goals expressed within the SCS.	Provide sufficient housing of appropriate quality, mix and tenure.
Lewisham Municipal Waste Strategy	The Strategy aims to minimise Lewisham's annual growth in waste.	Minimise growth in waste.
Lewisham Children and Young People's Plan 2012-2015	The Plan focuses on implementing actions to improve a number of key outcomes for children and young people which will improve their lives and life chances.	Improve life outcomes for residents –promotion of education, employment, housing and leisure and community facilities.

Lewisham Carbon Reduction and Climate Change Strategy 2008	<p>The Strategy is based on achieving a lasting and sustained decrease in emissions of CO2 working with strategic partners and with citizens to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduce demand for energy; • increase energy efficiency; • increase the use of renewable energy; • tackle fuel poverty. 	Reduce the borough's carbon footprint.
Social Inclusion Strategy 2005-2013	<p>This strategy centres around five broad themes. It identifies the links between the council's existing strategies and services to enable more joined-up working.</p>	Promote social inclusion, improve urban design, transport and education, and promote health and well-being in the borough.
Healthier Communities – A health and well-being framework for Lewisham (Draft 2007-2010)	<p>The Strategy seeks to improve the health outcomes for Lewisham residents by adopting preventative measures and other innovative approaches.</p>	Enhance the health levels in the borough.
Lewisham Leisure and Open Space Study 2010	<p>This strategy aims to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review of outdoor sport and recreation; • a borough playing pitch strategy; • an implementation plan and prioritised investment; • Plan for the Playing Pitch Strategy. 	Protect and maintain open spaces and biodiversity across the borough.
Local Biodiversity Action Plan – A Natural Renaissance For Lewisham 2006-2011	<p>The key objective is the protection and enhancement of areas suitable for wildlife in the borough and to increase citizens' access to nature, even in urban areas.</p>	Primarily avoid, and secondarily minimise and compensate for, any significant negative effects upon biodiversity.
Better futures: Lewisham's Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2009-2014	<p>The Strategy complements the objectives of the Lewisham Housing Strategy and seeks to prevent homelessness by providing long term and sustainable housing and promoting opportunities and independence for people in housing need by improving access to childcare, health, education, training and employment.</p>	Ensure measures providing sufficient housing of appropriate quality, mix and tenure and improve access to, and opportunities for, childcare, health, education, training and employment are integrated.
Lewisham Borough Sports Plan 2010-13	<p>The Strategy provides a vision for sport to increase opportunities to participate in sport at all levels and for all ages</p>	Enhancing the health wellbeing levels in the borough.

Lewisham Local Air Quality Action Plan 2008	The key aim is to bring about change to reduce emissions (NO2 and PM10) from main source of pollution (road transport) in a cost-effective and proportionate way through Area Quality Management Areas (AQMA) with designated geographical boundaries.	Improve air quality. Promote land uses and activities with minimal impacts on air quality.
Lewisham Strategic Flood Risk Assessment 2008	The study identifies and provides advice to the Council on the suitability of development in areas at varying risks of flooding across the borough.	Minimise and mitigate the risk of flooding in the borough.
Lewisham Flood Risk and Development Sequential Test 2009	The sequential test identifies potential development sites and steers development to areas at lowest flood risk. Where there are no reasonable alternative sites in an area of lower flood risk, authorities must ensure that measures are incorporated that render the proposed development's vulnerability to flooding appropriate to the probability of flooding in the area.	Minimise and mitigate the risk of flooding in the borough.
Lewisham Local Implementation Plan (Transport) 2010 (LIP)	The LIP is a statutory plan to implement the London Mayor's Transport Strategy.	Seek a reduction car travel and increase sustainable transport.
Lewisham Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2008 and the South East London Sub-regional SHMA 2009	The SHMA assesses housing provision and need within the borough and the five south east London boroughs. It outlines recommendations for the level of affordable housing and tenure mix, and identifies areas as well as specific groups within the borough and sub-region who may have different housing requirements.	Seek to facilitate housing provision, including its mix and tenure, and to ensure decent homes for all.
Health, Well-Being and Care – Lewisham Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) 2009	A joint collaboration between the Council and Lewisham Primary Care Trust (PCT). The JSNA identifies key themes for action aimed at improving long-term health and influence the long-term commissioning priorities of health infrastructure providers in the borough.	Seek to improve the health and well-being of the borough's residents.
Lewisham Conservation Area Management Plans	Provides guidance for the management of the borough's conservation areas.	Impacts on heritage assets and the wider historic environment.

<p>Lewisham Borough Wide Character Study 2010</p>	<p>The character study provides a description of the physical form of the borough, its origins, places, streets and buildings to provide an understanding of the particular attributes of the London Borough of Lewisham.</p>	<p>Impacts on the character of the borough.</p>
<p>Healthy Weight Healthy Lives (PCT with LB Lewisham) 2009</p>	<p>The strategy is linked in to the Children and Young People’s plan and is a partnership strategy to promote healthy weight and lives in children, young people and their families.</p>	<p>Improve the health and wellbeing of the population and reduce inequalities in health.</p>
<p>Creative Lewisham – Lewisham Cultural and Urban Development Commission 2009-2013</p>	<p>Vision of Lewisham as a visually exciting, creative and imaginative hub, with a synthesis between urban design, arts, culture and the economy.</p>	<p>Promote a vibrant and dynamic borough.</p>

Appendix B
Baseline Information

1. Climate

Carbon emissions and energy consumption

There is a consensus among experts that human activities are contributing to climate change through the release of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. This has implications for the way we use and manage resources, particularly the future supply, availability and use of energy. The built environment, and the way people use their environment, contributes to greenhouse gas emissions and therefore sustainable development plays a critical role in tackling climate change. The full effects of climate change are unknown but climate risks which are expected to intensify in London over the coming decades include flooding, higher and unseasonal temperatures, urban heat island effect and limited water resources including drought, all impacting our quality of life.¹

A significant contributor to climate change is the concentration of carbon dioxide (CO₂) in the atmosphere. According to the Department for Energy and Climate Change (2011) the total CO₂ emissions for Lewisham between 2005 and 2009 are reducing annually and the per capita reduction rate is at 17.4% since 2005. This is shown on Table A1. The figure exceeds the target of 8.5% set by the Council. The total CO₂ emission in Lewisham is 998,000 tonnes and contributed 2.35% of London's total CO₂ emissions. The largest source of emissions is from the domestic sector followed by road transport. At just 3.8 tonnes per person, Lewisham has the lowest per capita carbon emissions in inner London, the second lowest in the capital as a whole (after Redbridge) and the fourth lowest in the UK. There has been a decrease in London's per capita emissions falling by 12.7% from 6.3 tonnes person to 5.5 tonnes.

Annual CO₂ emissions (tonnes) in Lewisham 2005 to 2009

<i>Lewisham</i>	<i>Industry and Commercial</i>	<i>Domestic</i>	<i>Road Transport</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Population ('000s, mid-year estimate)</i>	<i>Per capita emissions (t)</i>	<i>Per Capita reduction since 2005 (%)</i>
2005	315	581	282	1180	254	4.6	17.4
2006	316	572	277	1166	257	4.5	
2007	306	556	278	1141	259	4.4	
2008	264	556	267	1098	262	4.2	
2009	239	500	258	998	265	3.8	

Source: DECC, 2011

¹ Where temperatures in urban areas, particularly at night are warmer than non-urban areas

Annual CO2 emissions (tonnes) in Greater London 2005 to 2009

<i>Greater London</i>	<i>Industry and Commercial</i>	<i>Domestic</i>	<i>Road Transport</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Population ('000s, mid-year estimate)</i>	<i>Per capita emissions (t)</i>	<i>Per Capita reduction since 2005 (%)</i>
2005	20,389	17,291	9,239	46,966	7,485	6.3	12.7
2006	21,738	17,193	9,114	48,089	7,547	6.4	
2007	20,977	16,807	9,050	46,876	7,602	6.2	
2008	21,157	16,865	8,664	46,726	7,668	6.1	
2009	18,752	15,232	8,419	42,441	7,753	5.5	

Source: DECC, 2011

The GLA notes that by far the largest contributor to domestic emissions is space heating and cooling, which produce three times as many emissions as either water heating or appliances, and ten times as many as lighting.² It also notes that the domestic sector could contribute 39% of the total savings of 20 million tonnes of CO2 identified in the London Climate Change Adaptation Strategy. Improving housing standards, insulation and energy efficiency, and providing sustainable decentralised energy can all contribute to reducing emission levels.

The emissions for Lewisham reflect its small industrial and commercial base and predominantly residential character with older properties, and its limited Underground services. It also notes that the domestic sector could contribute 39% of the total savings of 20 million tonnes of CO2 identified in the London Climate Change Adaptation Strategy. Improving housing standards, insulation and energy efficiency, and providing sustainable decentralised energy can all contribute to reducing emission levels. The percentage of homes that do not meet decent homes standards in the borough is reducing; however there is still a need to improve this.

The Council is proactively working to address climate change issues. The Council's ambition is for Lewisham to play a leading role in responding to climate change locally, regionally and nationally with the aim of achieving the lowest amount per capita CO2 emissions in London.

Section 3.4 of the London Borough of Lewisham Renewable Evidence Base Study³ states the existing renewable energy capacity in Lewisham. A review of the Ofgem Renewables and CHP Register⁴ showed that out of over 2000 facilities for renewable energy none of them are located in the London Borough of Lewisham. Although there are no major renewable energy facilities currently in the borough there may be some standalone renewable installations that provide renewable energy on a small scale.

² Housing in London: The Evidence Base for the Mayor's Housing Strategy, September 2014

³ London Borough of Lewisham Renewable Evidence Base Study 2010

⁴ Ofgem, "Ofgem Renewables and CHP Register",

<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/Environment/RCHPreg/Pages/RCHPreg.aspx>

2. Air

There are five air quality management areas (AQMAs) in the borough, located where the level of pollutants is higher than the acceptable threshold. National Air Quality Objective (NAQO) for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) is set at 40µg/m³ as an annual average. In urban areas, this is the most difficult target to meet. Road traffic is the main source of air pollution in the borough. Excessive road traffic, which affects areas of poor air quality, is considered to be one of the main modern 'environmental stress' factors.

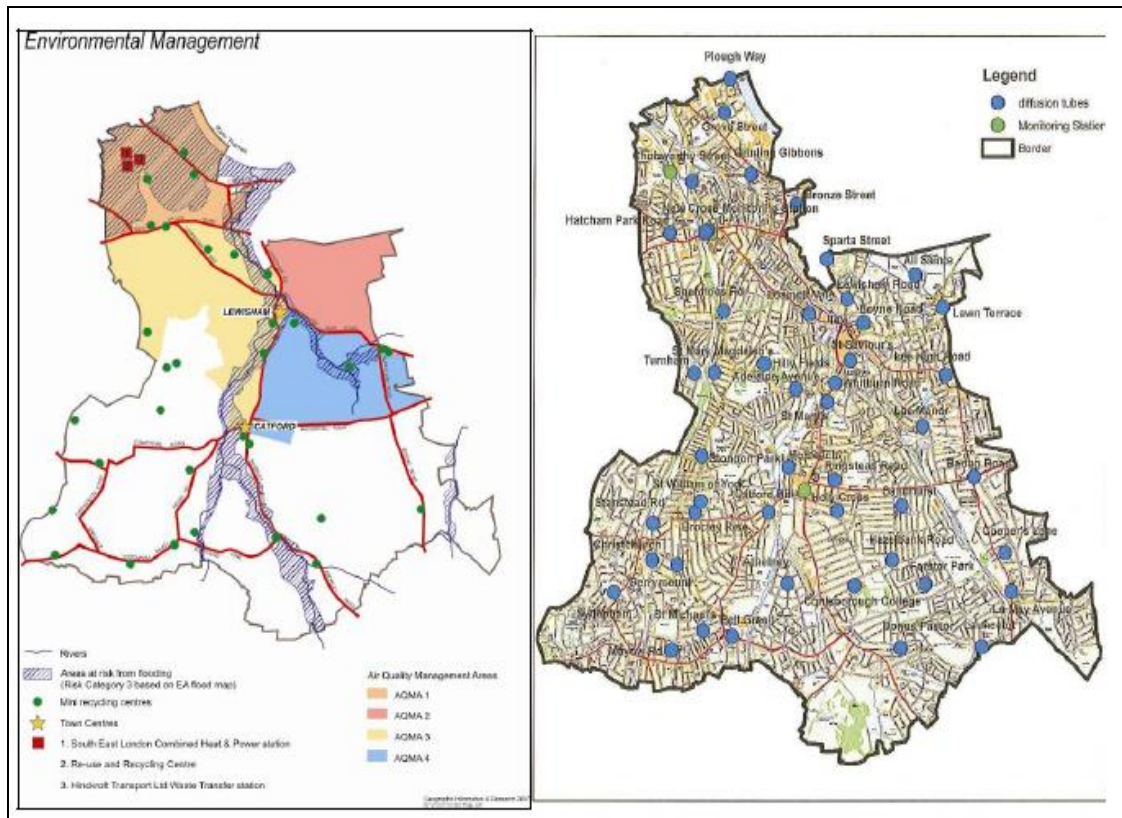
Exposure to higher levels than 40µg/m³ is most likely to affect those who have a pre-existing respiratory illness as it causes irritation of the nose, throat and airways. However, the objectives do not necessarily represent 'safe' levels and it is agreed that authorities should continue to work to improve air quality and not just aim to meet the targets.

The borough's air quality will remain an important issue that needs to be addressed. The Council adopted an Air Quality Action Plan in 2008. The focus of which is mainly concerned with reducing emissions from road transport, with an emphasis on balancing supply side measures, such as improved walking, cycling and public transport, and demand side management, such as traffic restraint and regulation. The implementation of the London Low Emission Zone is expected to have the highest benefit in improving air quality within Lewisham AQMAs.

The Council's fourth review and assessment (Updating and Screening Assessment) of air quality was conducted in June 2009. There is a risk of the annual mean objective being exceeded for nitrogen dioxide and for particles PM₁₀. The Detailed Assessment concluded that the Council should maintain the designated AQMAs and continue the programme of monitoring which was expanded in 2010 to measure PM₁₀ in a location where fugitive sources were believed to be an issue.⁵

⁵ Air Quality Action Plan 2008

Air Quality Management Areas in Lewisham and Monitoring Stations



3. Biodiversity, flora and fauna

Lewisham's natural heritage has helped shape the borough's development and continues to be a reason why people choose to live and work here. Names such as Lee Green, Grove Park and Forest Hill give an idea of the landscape from which Lewisham developed. Today the borough is characterised by a wide variety of green spaces and natural features that provide places for people to enjoy, such as New Cross Gate Cutting, Blackheath, the River Ravensbourne, Beckenham Place Park and Hilly Fields.

Lewisham has more than 560 hectares of green space (about 14% of the area of the borough), with 46 public parks covering about 370 hectares of land. Lewisham is one of the greenest parts of south-east London with over a fifth of the borough being parkland or open space.⁶ Areas of parkland and open space play an important environmental role, contributing to biodiversity within the borough.

The Stag Beetle is the largest beetle in the UK, is threatened at the global level and has undergone significant decline in the past 40 years. Recent surveys indicate south London is a national hotspot and in Lewisham they can be found throughout the borough. They require suitable dead wood for their survival and management of this resource is a key priority for land managers.

Within the borough of Lewisham there are 60 sites designated as Sites of Nature Conservation Importance (SNCI) including 19 Local Nature Reserves (LNR). In addition, the council has 21 nature conservation areas directly under ecological management, each with its own unique features.⁷ The River Thames and other waterways, private garden areas, and railway line-sides also provide valuable habitats for wildlife in the borough.⁸

Lewisham Borough Council is currently preparing a Sites of Importance to Nature Conservation (SINCs) Review which is due to be finalised in November 2015.

4. Soil

The solid geology of Lewisham is predominantly marine London Clay in the central and southern sections of the borough, with a pocket of Lambeth Group clay in the south and a number of pockets in the north. Towards the north of the borough there are also pockets of chalk (Upper Chalk and Chalk Group) and sand (Thanet Sand Formation). In the north east and south / south eastern sections of the borough there are also pockets of Harwich Formation sand and gravels.⁹

The drift deposits are concentrated in the north and central sections of the borough, with alluvium in the vicinity of the River Thames and along the River Ravensbourne valley. Gravels of the Kempton Park Gravel Formation can generally be found adjacent to the alluvial deposits. In addition, there is a pocket of Langley Silt

⁶ Lewisham Leisure and Open Space Study 2010

⁷ Core Strategy 2011

⁸ Core Strategy 2011

⁹ London Borough of Lewisham, 2010: Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy, prepared by the Environmental Protection Group.

Formation deposits in the north west of the borough and pockets of Head (Clay) in the south of the borough.¹⁰ The borough is characterised by slowly permeable soils which are seasonally wet and slightly acid but base rich loamy and clayey in texture. Along the river corridors, and specifically in the locality of Catford town centre, the soils are loamy with naturally high groundwater.¹¹

There are currently no entries recorded in Lewisham's Contaminated Land Register.¹² This should not however, be interpreted that the land is necessarily free of contamination.

5. Water

Flood zones

The London Borough of Lewisham has some land within flood zones 2 and 3. Flood zone 2 represents the 1 in 1000 year probability of flooding, and flood zone 3 represents the 1 in 100 year probability of flooding. The area of land within flood zones 2 and 3 is predominantly around in the North of the Borough, where the risk is tidal flooding from the Thames. Other areas include the land around the river Ravensbourne and river Pool, extending to the south of the Borough and the Quaggy, extending towards the east of the Borough. In Lewisham there are approximately 21,000 properties at risk of flooding from river and tidal sources. This equates to 16% of all properties in the Borough. For the properties at risk of flooding, 8% are classified as having a significant likelihood of flooding, compared to 83% which are classified as having a low likelihood of flooding. The remainder have a moderate likelihood of flooding. Potential risk of flooding from other (non river related) sources also exists including possible sewer surcharging and surface water flooding as a result of heavy rainfall and/or blocked gullies. With changing climate patterns, it is expected that intense storms will become increasingly common and those properties (and areas) that are currently at risk of flooding may be susceptible to more frequent, more severe flooding in future years.¹³

Water Framework Directives

The Water Framework Directive is European legislation designed to protect and enhance the quality of our rivers, lakes, streams, groundwater, estuaries and coastal waters, with a particular focus on ecology. The Environment Agency is the lead authority on the WFD in England and Wales. We are required to plan and deliver actions that will improve our water environment. There are three watercourses in Lewisham designated under the WFD, The River Pool, Quaggy and Ravensbourne. Under the WFD, these need to achieve good ecological potential by 2027. A programme of measures to improve the status is being developed. This will include a series of measures to address urban diffuse pollution in some parts of London, in order to achieve the 'good' ecological status required for the Directive.

¹⁰ Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy, 2010.

¹¹ National Soil Resources Institute (NSRI) Soilscales website <http://www.cranfield.ac.uk/sas/nsri/>

¹² Lewisham Borough Council website: www.lewisham.gov.uk

¹³ SFRA 2008

Water Quality: Chemical Water Quality

The only watercourse in the Borough currently designated under the chemical General Quality Assessment (GQA) is the section of the River Ravensbourne between the River Pool and the Tideway. New chemical GQA calculations have been introduced under which biological oxygen demand has been removed as one of the parameters. This means the calculation is now based on ammonia and dissolved oxygen levels to grade each river reach. Using this method, the chemical quality has consistently been found to be very good, having achieved a grade A every year between 2000 and 2009. There has been a reduction in the size of the GQA network over the last few years. The River Quaggy and the River Pool were designated up until 2006. The quality of the River Quaggy was good, with the reach achieving a grade B on average. The quality of the River Pool was only fairly good, as it predominantly achieved a grade C.

The River Quaggy and River Ravensbourne merge in Lewisham town centre, and these rivers have quite similar catchments. Unusually there are no major point sources of pollution in these urban rivers, and water quality issues (principally related to nutrients) arise from diffuse urban sources such as road runoff and missed connections, where domestic sewerage is wrongly connected to pipes intended for surface water runoff. As a result, water quality is very variable, and can be good during periods of dry weather.

Householder Water Use

All of Lewisham falls in Thames Water's London resource zone, where average consumption in 2009-10 was 167 litres per person per day.¹⁴ This compares to the five year average for the Borough of 160.4 litres consumed per person per day between 2005/06 and 2009/10. This water resource zone (WRZ) is seriously water stressed. The Government has set a target for households through the National Planning Practice guidance to achieve 125 litres per person per day, in recently built homes. Where there is a clear local need, local planning authorities can set out Local Plan policies requiring new dwellings to meet the tighter Building Regulations optional requirement of 110 litres per person per day, which will require changes to consumption patterns in order to meet it.

¹⁴ Thames Water, 2010. Thames Water revised Water Resources Management Plan. [online] (Updated 2010) Available at: <http://www.thameswater.co.uk/cps/rde/xchg/corp/hs.xsl/5392.htm>

6. Population and human health

Population

The population of the London Borough of Lewisham was 275,885 at the 2011 census. The population of Lewisham grew by 3% between 2001 and 2011. It is forecast to increase by almost a quarter (64,300) between 2006 and 2031.¹⁵ Children and young people (0 to 19 years) make up over a quarter of the population, one of the highest proportions in London.¹⁶ Elderly residents (over 75 years) make up just 5%. The average age of our population is 34.7 years and is young when compared with other London boroughs. Population growth and an increase in the number of households is expected to be concentrated within the Evelyn, New Cross and Lewisham Central wards. This is due in part to the major development and regeneration plans such as Convoys Wharf and within the Lewisham Town Centre. In terms of life expectancy for the borough's population, between 2005 and 2007 the average life expectancy at birth for men in Lewisham was 76 years, compared with 77.3 years in England; and over the same period the life expectancy for women was 80.8 years in Lewisham compared with 81.5 years in England.¹⁷ The population was more or less evenly split between males and females and these proportions are not expected to change in the period to 2014.¹⁸

There was a growth in all groups of the black and minority ethnic (BME) population between the 2001 and the 2011 Census. This has risen from 39% of households to 58.5%, who largely live in the northern and central parts of the borough.¹⁹ The general level of health of people in Lewisham is significantly poorer than the health of people in the rest of England. Some indicators of poor health are specifically related to low income such as coronary heart disease, cancer and respiratory disease. Reducing premature mortality from circulatory diseases and cancer remain priorities for Lewisham.²⁰

The Index of Deprivation (ID 2010) saw Lewisham ranked as the 31st most deprived local authority in England. This means as a local authority, Lewisham is within the 20% most deprived Local Authorities in the country. In 2007 Lewisham was ranked 39th, so although the current ranking is lower a number of authorities that were within the 20% most deprived nationally, no longer exist. The ID looks at a range of indicators covering income, employment, health, education, training, skills, living conditions and access to services. Figure A2 shows Local Super Output Areas (LSOAs) in Lewisham by national quintile of deprivation. The proportion of LSOAs in the bottom 20% nationally decreased slightly from 2007.

The GLA 2014 population projections are the most recent predictions for London's population. It is expected that by 2020 Lewisham will have a total population of 302,700. The projection for 20 years after this, 2040, will be 316,400 with an estimated 162,600 males and 153,800 females²¹.

¹⁵ Greater London Authority 2008 Round of Demographic Projections, RLP High

¹⁶ Census 2011

¹⁷ JSNA, NHS London

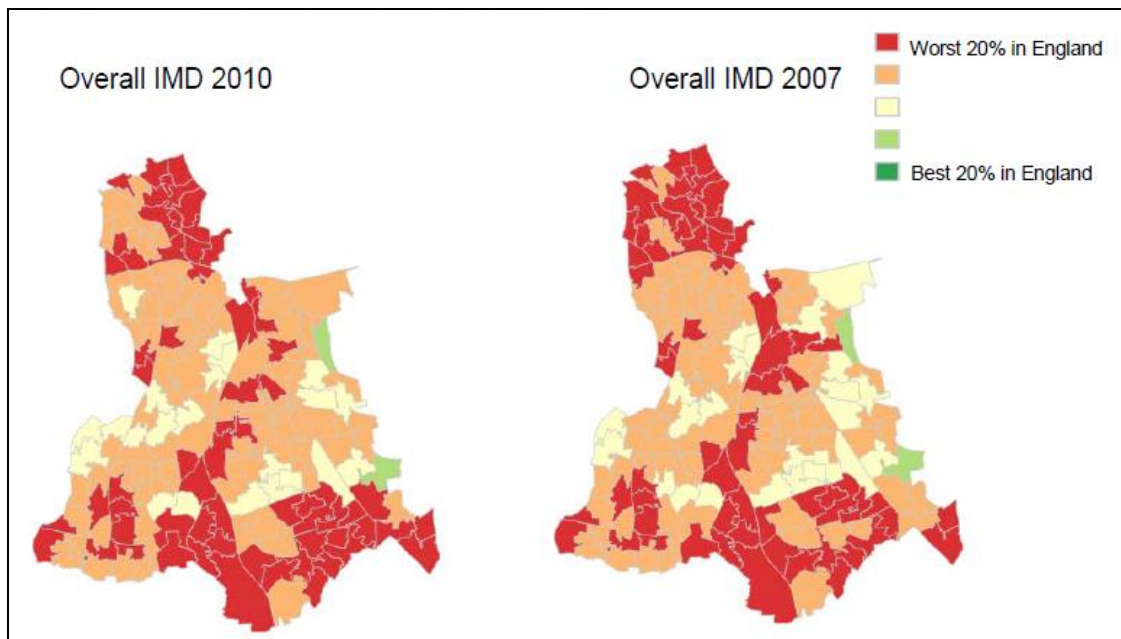
¹⁸ Male 49% and female 51%.

¹⁹ BME population estimated at 49.4% of households as evidenced through the Lewisham Household Survey 2007 for the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA)

²⁰ Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), NHS Lewisham

²¹ GLA 2014 - <http://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/gla-population-projections-custom-age-tables>

Overall deprivation (combined deprivation score)



Of Lewisham's 166 LSOAs 38% were in the 20% most deprived in England, compared with 38.6% in 2007 and 33% in 2004. Only five of these LSOAs were within the worst 10% (there were eight in 2007); they are dispersed across the wards of Bellingham, Evelyn, Lewisham Central, Rushey Green and Whitefoot. However, 58 of Lewisham's LSOAs were in the bottom 10-20% (up two from 2007); making a total of 63 LSOAs in the bottom 20%.

With nearly 40% of Lewisham's LSOAs in the bottom 20%, and almost all of the remaining LSOAs being in the bottom 50%, the ID results again suggest that Lewisham faces some significant challenges. Overall deprivation within the borough is increasing in a number of areas. Care must be taken not to assume that 'less deprived' means 'wealthier' as the indices measure only levels of deprivation, not affluence. In addition, it is important to recognise that even in LSOAs with little deprivation there may be individuals and families experiencing deprivation. These people will also need to access support and services aimed at tackling deprivation.

Health

There are many healthcare facilities in Lewisham. There are a vast array of health services incorporating the needs of the population. The main health care services in Lewisham are community services as well as a university hospital and several mental health centres²².

The following list details these:

Southbrook Road Community Mental Health Centre – 1 Southbrook Road, Lee

Speedwell Mental Health Centre – Speedwell Street

Cygnets Lodge Lewisham – Lewisham Park

University Hospital Lewisham – High Street, SE13 6LH

²² <https://www.lewishamandgreenwich.nhs.uk/contact-community-sites-in-lewisham/>

Burgess Park – Unit 2, Burgess Park Industrial Estate, SE5 7TG
Downham Health and Leisure Centre – 7-9 Moorside Road, Downham, BR1 5EP
Primary Care Centre Hawstead Road - Primary Care Centre, Hawstead Road, Catford, SE6 4JH
Honor Oak Health Centre - 20 Turnham Road, Honor Oak Rd, SE4 2HH
Ivy House - Bradgate Road, Catford, SE6 4TT
Kaleidoscope - 32 Rushey Green, Catford, SE6 4JF
Jenner Health Centre - 201-3 Stanstead Road, Forest Hill, SE23 1HU
Lee Health Centre - 2 Handen Road, Lee, SE12 8NP
Marvels Lane Health Centre - 37 Marvels Lane, Grove Park, SE12 9PN
South Lewisham Health Centre - 50 Conisborough Crescent, Bellingham, SE6 2SP
Sydenham Green Health Centre - 26 Holmshaw Close, Sydenham, SE26 4TH
Waldron Health Centre - Amersham Vale, New Cross, SE14 6LD

7. Material assets

Homes

Continuous growth in population and high demand for housing and affordability

The population is forecast to rise. The Mayor of London requires 10,050 new residential units to be built in Lewisham by 2021. The average income of the majority of households is insufficient to buy a house. The SE London and Lewisham Strategic Housing Market Assessments highlight that access to affordable housing remains an issue throughout the borough. Based on the GLA Housing Price 2008 data, the housing price in Lewisham has increased steadily over the last five years. However, it is still lower than the London average price (£249,789 compared to £297,785).²³ This is particularly relevant given that the Lewisham Household Survey for the SHMA asked a question about household income. This included gross household income from all sources such as earnings, pensions, interest on savings, rent from property and state benefits. While just under a fifth of households have an income of over £40,000, however nearly half of all households have an income of less than £15,000.²⁴

Existing dwelling stock

Of the total dwelling stock, 54% of properties in Lewisham are flats of which nearly half are converted dwellings rather than purpose built. Of the remainder 34% are terraced houses and 12% are detached or semi-detached.²⁵ In terms of bedroom size, 27% of properties are 1 bedroom, 33% 2 bedroom and 30% 3 bedroom. This leaves 10% with 4 or more bedrooms.

²³ Land Registry, March 2009

²⁴ 48%

²⁵ Lewisham Household Survey 2007, SHMA 2008

A dramatic change has taken place in the tenure of property in the London borough of Lewisham in the past few years. This provides a roughly equal tenure split between private rent, social rent and private ownership. It is considered that the increase in the private rented sector is a result of the buy-to-let market in recent years. The amount of private rented properties has increased from 14.3% in 2001 to 24.3% in 2011. Conversely social rented properties have fallen from 35.6% in 2001 to 31.1% in 2011, while properties owned outright or with a mortgage have decreased from 50% in 2001 to 42.4% in 2011.²⁶

A total of 33,922 households were assessed as living in unsuitable housing due to one or more factors.²⁷ The largest reason was overcrowding (11,482 households), and major disrepair or unfitness (10,641); followed by support needs, accommodation too expensive and sharing facilities (6,151, 5,263, and 4,487 respectively). Deptford is one area in the borough most likely to contain unsuitably housed households which corresponds to areas identified with higher levels of deprivation.²⁸

Affordable Housing

Lewisham's housing strategy, Homes for future²⁹, states that the council aims to deliver 11,000 homes by 2020 of which up to 50% will be affordable housing with the aim to reduce homelessness and the number of households in temporary accommodation and also to enable people on low and modest incomes to afford their own home. The tenure mix of affordable housing is agreed on an individual basis, it takes into consideration the existing housing mix and character as well as the demand in the area for affordable housing.

8. Cultural heritage

The complex historical development of the borough has left a legacy of distinctive neighbourhoods. In acknowledgement of this distinctive heritage a substantial portion of the borough is identified as an Archaeological Priority Area. An archaeological priority area is an area specified by Local Planning Authorities to help protect archaeological remains that might be affected by development. This means that any redevelopment in these areas that might reveal remains of interest will be required to undertake an assessment and preservation in accordance with advice from English Heritage.

²⁶ Lewisham Household Survey 2007, SHMA 2008, 2011 Census

²⁷ Lewisham Household Survey 2007, SHMA 2009, 2011 Census

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²⁹ 'Homes for the future: raising aspirations, creating choice and meeting need' Lewisham's Housing Strategy 2009-2014

Today the borough is characterised by a wide variety of green spaces and natural features that provide places for people to enjoy, such as New Cross Gate Cutting, Blackheath, the River Ravensbourne, Beckenham Place Park and Hilly Fields. These open spaces have historic significance and give the borough a distinct identity. They are an essential component of many heritage assets. For example, the open character of Blackheath is an integral element of the Blackheath Conservation Area and a supporting element to the outstanding universal value of the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site. The small area of open space within the Culverley Green Conservation Area provides a welcome element of informality to the grid pattern of tree lined streets.

Lewisham has around 27 conservation areas covering 707 ha of the borough, around 540 nationally-listed buildings, over 200 Locally Listed buildings, 2 Registered Parks and Gardens, 21 areas of Archaeological Priority and 1 Scheduled Ancient Monument. Lewisham's open spaces also have historic significance and give the borough a distinct identity. They are an essential component of many heritage assets.

9. Landscape

The borough of Lewisham is primarily residential in nature, characterised by 20th century suburbs in the south to older Victorian neighbourhoods in the north. These extensive areas of housing are punctuated with a network of small and large town centres, local shopping parades, employment areas of varying quality and job density, many parks and green spaces, and railway corridors, and are overlaid by a range of heritage assets.

The borough is characterised by a wide variety of green spaces and natural features that provide places for residents and visitors to enjoy, such as New Cross Gate Cutting, Blackheath, the River Ravensbourne, Beckenham Place Park and Hilly Fields. In fact, Lewisham has more than 560 hectares of green space (about 14% of the area of the borough), with 46 public parks covering about 370 hectares of land. These areas play an important environmental and recreational role as well as defining and continuing to contribute to Lewisham's overall character.

Lewisham is located within the London Basin Natural Area³⁰ and is defined by an urban / suburban land use according to the Dudley Stamp Land Use inventory.³¹ The landscape character of the borough is focused around the Ravensbourne, Quaggy and Pool rivers which flow into Deptford Creek. Elevated views play a significant role in the character of the area. There is a general gradient of development across the borough from oldest in the north to more modern in the south. As London has grown, the borough has seen successive rounds of urbanisation moving south across the borough.³²

Lewisham also has 37 allotment sites which are very popular with local residents. Because of the current interest in healthy, outdoor living and organic food, all of the sites have waiting lists. No areas within the borough are designated as Greenbelt land. Of the 37 allotment sites within the borough, one relatively small allotment can be found in the Rushey Green ward at the Weavers Estate (0.42 ha).

³⁰ English Nature, 1997: London Basin Natural Area Profile

³¹ www.magic.gov.uk

³² Lewisham Borough Council, May 2011: Development Management Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

Compared to a city average of 41%, only 23% of land in the borough of Lewisham is green space or water. Despite having 560 ha of green space, parts of the borough are considered to be deficient in open space, and with increasing pressures to build, the borough aspires to protect all its green space.³³

10. Waste

Lewisham is a unitary waste authority. Over 80% of Lewisham's waste is diverted away from landfill by incinerating it as the South East London Combined Heat and Power Station (SELCHP), which recovers power to supply to the National Grid. Of the borough's total waste for 2010/11 only 6% was sent to landfill. The borough incinerates 76% of its household waste. Lewisham has on the other hand the lowest recycling and composting rate in London in 2009/10. The overall household recycling and composting rate in Lewisham has steadily between 2000/01 and 2007/08. However, the rate has since declined. The current recycling and composting rate is almost 15% lower than the London total rate of 31.8%.³⁴

The Council aims to increase household recycling / composting and in 2010/11 has set a target to recycle compost or reuse 25% of its household waste. Further, targets have been set to landfill 8% of municipal waste by 2010/11 and to reduce household waste per household to 716kg in 2010/11.³⁵ There is a projected waste growth of 3% per annum, which means that disposing of this increasing amount and variety of waste will become increasingly difficult. Every borough is allocated an apportionment of waste in the London Plan that they must dispose of using appropriate facilities. For Lewisham this equates to approximately 208,000 tonnes in 2010, increasing to 323,000 tonnes by 2020.³⁶ Provision in the borough exceeds this level with the South East London Combined Heat and Power Station (SELCHP) in Deptford capable of handling 488,000 tonnes alone. Further facilities in Lewisham are capable of dealing with over 200,000 tonnes and provide support to other boroughs in the south-east region of London.³⁷

³³ Lewisham Borough Council, May 2011: Development Management Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

³⁴ Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), 2013. Municipal Waste Management Statistics. [online] (Updated 07/02/2013) Available at: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/statistics/environment/>

³⁵ Lewisham Municipal Waste Strategy 2008

³⁶ London Plan policy 4A.25 and Table 4A.6

³⁷ Southeast London Boroughs' Joint Waste Apportionment Technical Paper, 2009

Appendix C

Sustainability Objectives, Indicators, Targets and Monitoring

Sustainability Objective	Indicator	Target	Monitoring Year/Frequency	Data Source	Action
1. To provide sufficient housing and the opportunity to live in a decent home	Number of housing completions Gypsy and Traveller pitches Number of affordable housing completions (by tenure type) Mix of housing tenure Mix in dwelling sizes Provision of student/other specialist housing	50% affordable homes 70:30 split between social and intermediate housing At least 40% affordable homes to be 3 bedrooms or more	Annual	Annual Monitoring Report	Allocation of Gypsy and Traveller pitches Provision of housing, including affordable housing
2. To improve the health of the population	Households with limiting long-term illness Mortality rate from circulatory diseases at age under 75 Mortality rate from all cancers at age 75 of under Health life expectancy at age 65 Number of people taking part in activities that improve physical and mental health in the borough		Every 10 years	ONS	Encourage walking and cycling Maintain or improve access to healthcare
3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion	Number of recorded racial incidents Indices of Multiple Deprivation	Improve the London Borough of Lewisham's rank in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation	Every 3 years	CLG	Promote social cohesion and reduce poverty

<p>4. To improve accessibility to leisure facilities, community infrastructure and key local services</p>	<p>Gain/loss of community/recreational facilities</p> <p>Delivery of identified social infrastructure</p> <p>Funding for community facility improvements secured</p>	<p>No net loss of recreational facilities</p>	<p>Annual</p>	<p>Annual Monitoring Report</p>	<p>Provision of leisure facilities, community infrastructure and key local services</p>
<p>5. To reduce crime, antisocial behavior and the fear of crime</p>	<p>Number of schemes incorporating 'secured by design'</p> <p>Number of offences per 1,000 population</p> <p>Detailed indicators for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence against the person • Burglaries • Robberies • Violent crime • Sexual offences 		<p>Annual</p>	<p>Office of National Statistics</p> <p>Metropolitan Police Service</p>	<p>Promote safety of the environment and social cohesion</p>
<p>6. To reduce car travel and improve accessibility by sustainable modes of transport</p>	<p>Number of car parking spaces delivered in new development</p> <p>Number of completed car limited developments</p> <p>Number of car clubs and parking bays</p> <p>% of permitted major developments with a travel plan</p> <p>Proportion of journeys made on foot and by bicycle</p>	<p>Higher density development to be located within areas with a higher PTAL</p> <p>11% of total trips made by cycle or foot by 2025</p> <p>Year on year increase in number of electric car charging points</p>	<p>As reviewed by Transport for London</p>	<p>Transport for London</p> <p>Census</p> <p>Annual Monitoring Report</p>	<p>Maximise accessibility of Gypsy and Traveller sites to services and public transport</p> <p>Enhance walking and cycling routes</p> <p>Reduce car ownership</p>

	<p>Number of electric car charging points</p> <p>Improvements to legibility and signage</p> <p>Improved pedestrian and cycle routes and crossings</p> <p>Number of cycle parking spaces provided for each new home or other development and public realm</p> <p>Improved lighting and natural surveillance on pedestrian and cycle paths</p> <p>Number of road accident casualties per 1,000 population serious or fatal</p> <p>Public transport accessibility levels</p>	<p>All major developments to have travel plans</p> <p>All development permitted to include cycle facilities</p>			
7. To mitigate and adapt to the impact of climate change	<p>Number of BREEAM buildings granted/completed</p> <p>Number and capacity of decentralised energy granted/completed</p> <p>Number, type and capacity of renewable energy granted/completed</p> <p>Number and size of living roofs granted/completed</p> <p>Number of new developments incorporating water efficiency measures</p>	<p>Maximise renewable energy by type</p> <p>Increase in the number of living roofs and walls</p> <p>Year on year reduction in the carbon footprint of Lewisham</p> <p>All non-residential development built to BREEAM excellent standard</p>	Annual	<p>Annual Monitoring Report</p> <p>EA and Stockholm Environment Institute</p>	<p>CO2 reduction and energy efficiency</p> <p>Efficient use of natural resources</p>

<p>8. To improve air quality and water quality, manage water resources and reduce noise and vibration</p>	<p>Water pollution incidents</p> <p>Change in chemical river quality</p> <p>Number of developments approved against the recommendation of the statutory water/sewerage undertaker on low pressure/flooding grounds</p> <p>LLSOA Electricity and Gas consumption</p> <p>Per capita reductions in CO2</p> <p>Levels exceeding Main Air Pollutant Quality Standards</p> <p>Levels of NO2 and PM10</p> <p>Number of complaints related to noise from roads, construction, maintenance, noisy neighbours and/or other.</p> <p>Number of Considerate Constructors schemes registered with new developments and refurbishments</p>	<p>National Air Quality Strategy standards</p> <p>Reduction in noise complaints</p> <p>No decrease in water quality</p>	<p>Annual</p>	<p>Annual Monitoring Report</p> <p>London Air Quality Archive</p>	<p>Water management and SUDS</p> <p>Minimise air pollution</p> <p>Reduce noise</p> <p>Consider compatibility of land uses</p>
<p>9. To increase, maintain and enhance open space, biodiversity, flora and fauna</p>	<p>Area of designated habitats</p> <p>Number and size of biodiverse brown living roofs granted/completed</p> <p>Number of bat and other bird boxes delivered as part of new developments</p> <p>Number of applications granted or refused on designated open space and within SINCS</p>	<p>Year on year reduction in the ecological footprint of Lewisham</p> <p>Year on year increase in the number of bat and bird boxes provided with development</p> <p>No net loss of open space</p>	<p>Annual</p>	<p>Annual Monitoring Report</p> <p>EA and Stockholm Environment Institute</p>	<p>Efficient use of natural resources</p> <p>Maintain or enhance biodiversity importance</p> <p>Protect and enhance open space and linkages</p>

	<p>Amount of new or improved open space provided, including that which provides a net gain for biodiversity and accessible natural greenspace</p> <p>Number of new allotments and community gardens</p> <p>Funding secured for open space improvements</p>				
10. To mitigate flood risk	<p>Number of planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on either flood defense grounds or water quality</p> <p>Number of SUDS granted and delivered</p>	No applications granted contrary to Environment Agency advice	Annual	Environment Agency	<p>Work in partnership with the Environment Agency</p> <p>Flooding and water management</p>
11. To maintain and enhance landscapes and townscapes	<p>Number of key views maintained and enhanced</p> <p>Pre applications and applications considered by the design review panel</p> <p>Number of interventions aimed at improving streetscapes</p>	All major applications to be referred to the design review panel	Annual	Annual Monitoring Report	Protect landscape and townscape
12. To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment	<p>Number of designated heritage assets (including listed buildings and conservation areas)</p> <p>Number of undesignated heritage assets (locally listed buildings, areas of archaeological significance)</p>		Annual	<p>Annual Monitoring Report</p> <p>English Heritage</p>	Protect heritage assets

	<p>% of applications where archaeological strategies were developed and implemented</p> <p>Number of applications that have considered views of strategic importance</p> <p>Condition of designated and undesignated heritage assets</p>				
<p>13. To minimise the production of waste and increase waste recovery and recycling</p>	<p>% of waste recycled, reused or composted</p> <p>Tonnes of waste sent to landfill per year</p> <p>Residual household waste per year</p> <p>Amount of waste recycled on site by residents and employment industries</p>	<p>Residual waste per household in Lewisham</p> <p>2011/2012 720kg</p> <p>2012/2013: 718kg</p> <p>2013/2014: 716kg</p> <p>% of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting in Lewisham</p> <p>2013/2014: 21% waste recycled</p> <p>% household waste sent to landfill in Lewisham</p> <p>2011/2012: 7%</p> <p>2012/2013: 6.5%</p> <p>2013/2014: 6%</p>	<p>Annual</p>	<p>Strategic Waste and Management</p>	<p>Waste Management</p>

<p>14. To encourage sustained economic growth</p>	<p>Area of employment land with mixed use employment location (MEL) and local employment location (LEL)</p> <p>Size and type of employment floorspace</p> <p>Amount of vacant employment floorspace</p> <p>Amount of new completed employment floor space</p> <p>New business registration rate</p> <p>Rent levels of employment accommodation</p>	<p>No loss of employment land</p> <p>Minimise vacant employment land</p> <p>Annual completion no net loss</p>	<p>Annual</p>	<p>Lewisham ELS</p> <p>London Borough of Lewisham GIS</p> <p>Annual Monitoring Report</p>	<p>Protection of employment sites</p> <p>Maintain a supply of a variety of employment floorspace</p>
<p>15. To promote access to employment, education, skills and training</p>	<p>Employee numbers in Lewisham</p> <p>% of businesses in the area showing employment growth</p> <p>Job density in Lewisham</p> <p>Number of employed and unemployed living in the area</p> <p>Numbers of employees and business owners who are BME</p> <p>% of population of working age who claim unemployment benefit</p> <p>Number of pupils achieving 5 or more GCSE's at grades A* to C or equivalent</p> <p>People aged 16-74 with no qualifications</p>	<p>Increase in jobs</p> <p>Increase in percentage of local residents employed for specific development projects, including apprenticeships</p> <p>No reduction in job density</p> <p>Increase in employment rate</p> <p>Narrow gap to the GB average employment rate to no more than 3% points</p>	<p>Annual</p>	<p>National Annual Business Inquiry</p> <p>Office of National Statistics</p> <p>Official Labour Market Statistics</p>	<p>Maximise and provide a range of local employment opportunities</p> <p>Protection of employment sites to secure local job opportunities</p> <p>Local labour agreements</p>

	<p>Number of full and part time courses provided</p> <p>Number of full and part time people participating in educational courses/events in the area</p> <p>Funding secured for improvements in the quality and level of education infrastructure</p>	<p>Year on year decrease in the number of people without qualifications in Lewisham</p>			
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Appendix D

Decision Aiding Questions

SA Objective	Decision Aiding Questions
1. To provide sufficient housing and the opportunity to live in a decent home	<p>Additional housing?</p> <p>Increase the range and availability of housing?</p> <p>Reduce the number of unfit homes?</p>
2. To improve the health of the population	<p>Encourage healthy lifestyles?</p> <p>Improve qualifications and skills?</p> <p>Reduce health inequalities?</p>
3. To reduce poverty and social exclusion	<p>Reduce poverty and social exclusion?</p> <p>Encourage engagement in community activities?</p> <p>Increase the ability of people to influence decisions?</p> <p>Improve community relations?</p>
4. To improve accessibility to leisure facilities, community infrastructure and key local services	<p>Proximity to leisure facilities, community infrastructure and key local services?</p>
5. To reduce crime, antisocial behavior and the fear of crime	<p>Reduce actual levels of crime?</p> <p>Reduce the fear of crime?</p>
6. To reduce car travel and improve accessibility by sustainable modes of transport	<p>Reduce car use?</p> <p>Reduce vehicle movement?</p> <p>Proximity to public modes of transport?</p> <p>Encourage sustainable modes of transport?</p> <p>Increase/enhance walking/cycling routes?</p>
7. To mitigate and adapt to the impact of climate change	<p>Promote consumption of natural resources in a sustainable manner?</p> <p>Include sustainable design?</p> <p>Promote energy and water conservation?</p> <p>Reduce greenhouse gas emissions?</p> <p>Lead to an increased proportion of energy needs being met from renewable/decentralised sources?</p>
8. To improve air quality and water quality, manage water resources and reduce noise and vibration	<p>Improve the quality of river water or ground water?</p> <p>Conserve water?</p> <p>SUDS?</p> <p>Water and sewage infrastructure capacity?</p> <p>Improve air quality?</p>

	<p>Reduce noise?</p> <p>Reduce vibration?</p> <p>Proximity to public modes of transport?</p>
<p>9. To increase, maintain and enhance open space, biodiversity, flora and fauna</p>	<p>Conserve and enhance natural/semi-natural habitats?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance species diversity, and in particular avoid harm to protected species?</p> <p>Maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest?</p> <p>Protection and improvement of existing open space?</p> <p>Provision and quality of open space?</p> <p>Improve accessibility and connectivity to open space?</p>
<p>10. To mitigate flood risk</p>	<p>Is there flood protection?</p> <p>SUDs?</p> <p>Decreasing run-off?</p>
<p>11. To maintain and enhance landscapes and townscapes</p>	<p>Loss or damage to significant landscape or townscape features?</p> <p>Improve the landscape and ecological quality and character?</p> <p>Improvement to streetscape/public realm?</p>
<p>12. To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment</p>	<p>Conserve and enhance the historic built character of the borough, especially within designated conservation areas?</p> <p>Protect sites of archaeological and historic importance?</p> <p>Protects and enhances designated and undesignated assets?</p> <p>Responds to landscape assets and characteristics?</p>
<p>13. To minimise the production of waste and increase waste recovery and recycling</p>	<p>Lead to reduced consumption of materials and resources?</p> <p>Reduce household waste?</p> <p>Increase waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Reduce hazardous waste?</p>
<p>14. To encourage sustained economic growth</p>	<p>Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?</p>

	<p>Improve the resilience of business and the economy?</p> <p>Promote growth in key sectors and clusters?</p>
<p>15. To promote access to employment, education, skills and training</p>	<p>Reduce unemployment and long-term unemployment?</p> <p>Provide job opportunities for those in need of employment?</p> <p>Improve the quality and level of education infrastructure?</p>