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Consultation on the
Preferred Option**

**Sustainability Appraisal
Report Non Technical
Summary**

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SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL OF TRAFFORD'S CORE STRATEGY : FURTHER CONSULTATION ON THE PREFERRED OPTION

1. NON TECHNICAL SUMMARY

1.1 Introduction

This Report outlines the findings of the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council's Core Strategy. It has been produced to accompany the Further Consultation on the Preferred Option Document which is the subject of public consultation from 29th June 2009 to 10th August 2009.

SA is a systematic process used to assess the extent to which an emerging plan or strategy will help to achieve the relevant social, environmental and economic objectives. It also suggests ways of avoiding or reducing negative impacts.

This SA considers the potential implications of the Core Strategy by assessing the Spatial Strategy, Strategic Sites and Locations and Core Policies against available baseline data and sustainability objectives. The baseline data and sustainability objectives were developed in the SA Scoping Report of July 2007. The findings of SA should be reflected in the adopted Core Strategy to help ensure that it maximises its contribution to future sustainability.

1.2 Requirement to Undertake a Sustainability Appraisal

Sustainable development is the core principle underpinning the planning system. In order to ensure that new plans and strategies contribute towards sustainable development, the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires a Sustainability Appraisal to be carried out on all new or revised Development Plan Documents.

In addition, local planning authorities must comply with European Union Directive 2001/42/EC, which requires a formal Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of plans and programmes that are likely to have a significant effect on the environment.

1.3 Sustainability Objectives

The SA considers the potential implications of the Core Strategy by assessing the plan against a series of social, environmental and economic objectives. Accordingly, the establishment of these objectives is central to the SA process.

Drawing upon the sustainability issues identified through analysis of baseline data and the review of other relevant plans and strategies, twenty-three objectives that reflect Trafford's priorities for achieving a sustainable borough have been identified. These cover a range of issues, for example relating to housing, social exclusion, health, climate change, air quality, water quality, landscape, investment and

prosperity. In addition, sixty-four sub-objectives have been identified to assist with the assessment against the sustainability objectives.

1.4 Baseline Characteristics and Key Sustainability Issues

The review of plans, programmes and strategies, the analysis of the baseline data, and consultation with the public and statutory bodies enabled the following key sustainability issues to be identified:

- Need to ensure sufficient supply of all types and tenure of housing. In particular sufficient houses need to be provided in the right places at the right price
- There is a need to reduce the need to travel by car
- Need to reduce the fear and incidents of crime
- Need to tackle the localised areas of high levels of deprivation
- Create sustainable communities
- Increase public involvement and participation in decision making
- Need to minimise the skills shortage
- Need to protect and enhance the environment of local communities
- Need to provide an integrated transport network
- Conserve and enhance the built environment
- Conserve and enhance the natural environment recognising the importance of biodiversity
- Protect, conserve and enhance the designated features of the historic environment and their settings'
- Increase the access to and provision of areas of natural habitat and open space
- Need to secure and promote increased energy efficiency and renewable energy sources
- Need to promote and secure increased sustainable waste management
- Need to consider the impacts of flooding and flood risk
- Ensure that both Trafford and the NW achieve their true economic potential
- Need to ensure that the vitality and viability of our town centres is maintained and enhanced
- Manage and promote tourism development
- Need to improve usage of public transport
- Need to promote the re-use of land and minimise the take-up of greenfield land
- Need to balance high level of demand for development in the south of the borough against limited capacity

Source: Sustainability Issues were derived from the baseline data gathered in 2007 to inform the SA Scoping Report (June 2007)

1.5 Appraisal Results: Positive and Negative Effects

The Sustainability Appraisal process concluded that the Core Strategy has the potential to deliver a wide range of social, environmental and economic benefits. In particular, it was considered that the Spatial Strategy should help to provide more opportunities for residents in areas of disadvantage, which would have a significant positive impact on reducing economic disparities; improving access to services and facilities; decreasing poverty and social exclusion and equity and equality of opportunity.

The Strategy also offers considerable scope for redeveloping vacant / underused brownfield sites which would have key benefits for improving local neighbourhood quality; protecting and enhancing the diversity and distinctiveness of landscape, townscape character and cultural facilities; reducing crime and fear of crime; and conserving land resources and reducing land contamination. Whilst the Strategic Sites and Strategic Locations have the potential to make a significant positive contribution towards improving the balance and mix of the housing market; reducing poverty, social exclusion and economic disparities; and improving economic performance.

On the whole, the Core Strategy Policies also scored very highly in the SA process.

Nevertheless, there is the potential for the Core Strategy to have a negative impact on traffic generation and air quality. The extent to which this negative impact can be offset will depend on whether significant enhancements to public transport can be secured, particularly in the more peripheral parts of the Borough where development is proposed. There will also be a need to undertake additional nature conservation and flood risk studies in order to address the uncertain impact of the Core Strategy on biodiversity, flora and fauna and vulnerability to climate change.

1.6 Difference the Sustainability Appraisal Process has Made

The Sustainability Appraisal process concluded that the Core Strategy has the potential to deliver a wide range of social, environmental and economic benefits. However, it also identified a number of opportunities for further enhancement and made a series of recommendations to improve its sustainability. As a result, a number of changes have been made to the Strategic Sites / Locations proposals. These cover the incorporation of specific references to:

- ensuring appropriate levels of density are achieved;
- ensuring that consideration and where necessary appropriate mitigation is taken in relation to flood risk, e.g. SUDS
- the need to ensure that adequate public transport provision exists/is provided by way of the proposed developments
- the need to value and protect historic buildings
- the need to explore opportunities for the use of Combined Heat and Power

The Sustainability Appraisal examined the Core Strategy Policies and made a number of recommendations about how individual policies could perform better. However, in the majority of these instances, these recommendations are met by other Core Strategy Policies and therefore no mitigation is needed and the relevant policy is referred to in the detailed Appraisal.

1.7 Next Steps

To enable the community and other stakeholders to continue to contribute to the production of Trafford's LDF this SA Report will accompany the Further Consultation to the Core Strategy Preferred Option document for a period of formal public consultation. One of the purposes of this consultation is to ensure that the Council is

aware of all possible issues and options as well as asking for the public's views on the Preferred Option.

Following consideration and analysis of the consultation responses, the SA will be fully updated and augmented ahead of the publication of the Proposed Submission Core Strategy DPD for consultation in November 2009. The Core Strategy will then be submitted to the Secretary of State in February 2010 for examination in public by an independent Planning Inspector in June 2010. It is anticipated that the Council will formally adopt the Core Strategy in January 2011.

1.8 How to comment

This SA Report will be subject to a consultation period running from 29th June 2009 through to 10th August 2009 alongside the Further Consultation on the Core Strategy Preferred Option document. Comments are invited on the contents of the report, in terms of the appraisal methodology, the accuracy of the assessment of the likely significant effects of the plan and the opportunities for additional mitigation to ensure that the Core Strategy is as 'sustainable' as possible.

Comments may be made by any of the following means:

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The council should receive all comments no later than 5.00pm on 10th August 2009.