

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Scoping Stage B1-: Objectives assessed against SEA Objectives (SMART and Compatibility Test)

The following matrix appraises the emerging Woolhope NDP Objectives in terms of their SMART criteria and their compatibility with the SEA Objectives. These have been developed from Government guidance on SEA and from the local evidence base gathered for identifying the NDP issues.
SMART criteria:
S – Specific: NDP objectives should specify what is intended to be done in detail and should not be open to a wide range of misinterpretations
M – Measurable: It should be possible to monitor NDP objectives in a quantifiable way, by the use of indicators. Indicators should be measurable with limited resource implications.
A – Attainable/achievable: NDP objectives should be achievable and deliverable, related to the scale of growth proposed
R – Realistic: NDP objectives should relate to the overall vision of the plan. Likewise, chosen indicators should relate to objectives and their outcomes.
T – Time-Bound: Objectives should be specific to the NDP period or another specified time-frame. Objectives should be associated with a target and indicators should specify when the target should be achieved.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Stage B1-Assessment outcome
Very positive- Compatible with sea objective.
Positive- Compatible with sea objective.
Conflict- Negative effect/ conflict with sea objective.
Neutral-Neutral effect on sea objective.
No relationship between objectives- No link with sea objective.
Uncertain- Uncertain impact on sea objective, more information needed.

SEA Objectives:	6- To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	12- To conserve soil resources and quality	
1-To maintain and enhance nature conservation	7- To reduce contributions to climate change	13- To minimise the production of waste	
2- To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	8- To reduce vulnerability to climate change	14- To improve health of the population	
3- To improve quality of surroundings	9- To improve water quality	15- To reduce crime and nuisance	
4- To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment	10- To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	16- To conserve natural and manmade resources	
5- To improve air quality	11- To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk		

OB1 Environment: To manage and protect the local environment, countryside and natural and built heritage assets.

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive		No link	No link	Positive	Positive				Positive

Conclusions- This objective is compatible with the relevant SEA objectives. This objective ensures new development does not have a detrimental impact on heritage assets and the local environment.

Recommendations- None

SMART Test of NDP Objective- This objective is specific and measurable via the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR). It will be attainable, achievable and realistic.

After Smart Objective- No change.

OB2 Housing: To ensure the provision of sustainable, energy efficient housing in the Parish which is appropriately designed to meet the needs of all sectors of the community. This will include both private and affordable sectors. The scale, design and location of the dwellings should, as far as possible, reflect the character of the area and any new dwellings should be built to a high standard of design.

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	Positive	Positive				Positive

Conclusions- This objective is compatible with the relevant SEA objectives. This objective promotes energy-efficient housing to meet all of the needs of the community ensuring houses are designed in keeping with its surroundings.

Recommendations- None

SMART Test of NDP Objective- This objective meets all of the SMART Objectives.

After Smart Objective- No change.

OB3 Roads and Traffic To promote measures for pedestrian and cyclists' safety and ensure there is no detrimental impact on highway safety for all road users. Wherever possible the plan will encourage and support the use of public transport, and roads, paths, drains etc will be maintained in good condition.

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Neutral	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	Positive	Positive				Neutral

Conclusions- This objective is compatible with the relevant SEA objectives. This objective sets out measures for pedestrian and cyclist safety and encourage people to use public transport.

Recommendations- None

SMART Test of NDP Objective- This objective meets all of the SMART Objectives.

After Smart Objective- No change.

OB4 Community Facilities: To protect and enhance existing community facilities and assets and support the introduction of new facilities and assets.

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Neutral	Positive	Positive	No link	Positive	Positive	Neutral	Neutral	No link	No link	Positive	Positive				Neutral

Conclusions- This objective is compatible with the relevant SEA objectives. This objective aims to protect and enhance existing community facilities and support new facilities for the community.

Recommendations- None

SMART Test of NDP Objective- This objective is specific and measurable via the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR). It will be attainable, achievable and realistic.

After Smart Objective- No change.

OB5 Economy: To support the sustainable development of existing local businesses and to support the development of new business opportunities in this sensitive rural location.

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Neutral	Neutral	Positive	No link	Positive	Positive	Neutral	Neutral	No link	No link	Positive	Positive				Neutral

Conclusions- This objective is compatible with the relevant SEA objectives. This policy strives to support sustainable development and development of new businesses in Woolhope.

Recommendations- None

SMART Test of NDP Objective- This objective is specific and measurable via the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR). It will be attainable, achievable and realistic.

After Smart Objective- No change.