

Tamworth Borough Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal

Appendix A

Quality Assurance Checklist

August 2026

1.0. Introduction

- 1.1. The following Quality Assurance Checklist demonstrates that the SA Report has been prepared in accordance with the SEA Directive and associated Regulations.

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Objectives and Context	
The plan's purpose and objective are made clear.	See Chapter 2.
Sustainability issues, including international and EC objectives, are considered in developing objectives and targets.	Sustainability issues are identified in Chapter 3, and more specifically, Table 3.2.
SEA objectives are clearly set out and linked to indicators and targets where appropriate.	The relationship between the SEA and SA objectives are identified in Table 4.1. Possible indicators for monitoring are identified in Appendix H.
Links with other related plans, programmes and policies are identified and explained.	Plans and programmes are discussed in Chapter 3, and a review is included in Appendix C.
Scoping	
The environmental consultation bodies are consulted in appropriate ways and at appropriate times on the content and scope of the Environmental Report.	The environmental bodies were consulted on the Scoping Report for Tamworth in December 2025. The baseline, plans and programmes, and key sustainability issues have all been reviewed to ensure all contextual information continues to be appropriate, and the resulting appraisal framework consistent with Tamworth's needs. This has taken into account any comments received during consultation on the SA Report (December 2025) and the Interim SA Report concerning the Advanced Regulation 18 Consultation (June 2026).
The assessment focuses on significant issues.	Key sustainability issues have been identified in Appendix C and summarised in Table 3.2, which has assisted in focusing on the significant issues in the assessment.
Technical, procedural and other difficulties encountered are discussed; assumptions and uncertainties are made explicit.	These are made clear throughout the report where appropriate. Section 4.4 highlights specific difficulties encountered in completing the assessment.
Reasons are given for eliminating issues from further consideration.	All SEA topics are covered in the SA.

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Baseline Information	
Relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and their likely evolution without the plan are described.	The baseline is introduced in Chapter 3 and set out fully in Appendix C.
Characteristics of areas likely to be significantly affected are described, including areas wider than the physical boundary of the plan area where it is likely to be affected by the plan where practicable.	The baseline is introduced in Chapter 3 and set out fully in Appendix C.
Difficulties such as deficiencies in information or methods are explained.	See Section 4.4 and comments made clear throughout the Report where appropriate.
Prediction and evaluation of likely significant effects	
Likely significant social, environmental and economic effects are identified, including those listed in the SEA Directive (biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climate factors, material assets, cultural heritage and landscape), as relevant.	Chapters 5 and 6 present the assessment of the sustainability performance of the reasonable alternatives, preferred options and proposed policies of the Pre-Submission Local Plan.
Both positive and negative effects are considered, and where practicable, the duration of effects (short, medium or long-term) is addressed.	Positive and negative effects are considered within the assessments at Appendices F and G, and throughout the main report. Potential effects are identified in the short, medium and long-term.
Likely secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects are identified where practicable.	Likely secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects are identified in the assessment commentary, where appropriate. This is summarised in Section 6.5 and within the cumulative effects matrix (Table 6.5).
Inter-relationships between effects are considered where practicable.	Inter-relationships between effects are identified in the assessment commentary, where appropriate (including in the cumulative effects Table 6.5).
Where relevant, the prediction and evaluation of effects makes use of accepted standards, regulations, and thresholds.	These are identified in the commentary, where appropriate.

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Methods used to evaluate the effects are described.	These are described in Chapter 4.
Mitigation measures	
Measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and offset any significant adverse effects of implementing the plan are indicated.	These are identified in the commentary of the site and policy appraisals (where relevant), and within Section 6.6.
Issues to be taken into account in development consents are identified.	These are identified in the commentary of the site and policy appraisals (where relevant).
The SA Report	
Is clear and concise in its layout and presentation.	The SA Report is clear and concise.
Uses simple, clear language and avoids or explains technical terms. Uses maps and other illustrations where appropriate.	Considered.
Explains the methodology used. Explains who was consulted and what methods of consultation were used.	Chapter 4 presents the methodology used for the assessment.
Identifies sources of information, including expert judgement and matters of opinion.	Relevant information is referenced throughout the report.
Contains a non-technical summary	A non-technical summary has been produced and is included separately.
Consultation	
The SEA is consulted on as an integral part of the plan-making process.	The Scoping Report was subject to consultation November-December 2025 and an Interim Sustainability Appraisal was consulted on alongside the Advanced Regulation 18 Consultation between 15 th June and 6 th July 2026. A full SA Report (this report) will be consulted on with the Pre-Submission Local Plan prior to submission and Examination in Public.
The consultation bodies, other consultees and the public are consulted in ways which give them an early and effective opportunity within appropriate time frames to	The Scoping Report was subject to consultation November-December 2025 and an Interim Sustainability Appraisal was consulted on alongside the Advanced Regulation 18 Consultation between 15 th June and 6 th July 2026. A full SA Report (this report) will be consulted on

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express their opinions on the draft plan and SA Report.	with the Pre-Submission Local Plan prior to submission and Examination in Public.
Decision-making and information on the decision	
The SA Report and the opinions of those consulted are taken into account in finalising and adopting the plan.	Appendix B summarises consultation response received on the SA Report concerning the Scoping Report (2026) and Interim SA Report on the Advanced Regulation 18 Consultation (2026) and, where appropriate, how they have been taken into account in this SA Report.
An explanation is given of how they have been taken into account.	Appendix B summarises consultation response received on the SA Report concerning the Scoping Report (2026) and Interim SA Report on the Advanced Regulation 18 Consultation (2026) and, where appropriate, how they have been taken into account in this SA Report.
Reasons are given for choices in the adopted plan, in the light of other reasonable options considered.	Chapter 5 outlines the key options considered in developing the Local Plan.