

Tamworth Borough Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal

Appendix D

Sustainability Appraisal Framework

August 2026

D.1 Sustainability Appraisal Framework

D.1.1 This appendix presents the detailed SA Framework in Table D.1. To demonstrate the continuous evolution of the framework, changes resulting from stakeholder engagement at the Scoping stage are shown using **red text** and changes resulting from statutory consultee comments are shown in underlined text. The findings of the Interim SA and consultation did not necessitate any additional changes.

Table D.1: Detailed SA Framework

Proposed SA Objective	Decision Making Considerations (Does the policy or option...?)	Key Messages from PPP Review	Sustainability Issues identified in the SA Scoping Report
SAO1 Economy: To deliver economic growth and support the creation of new businesses, whilst supporting the growth and retention of existing businesses	- Protect and retain the right amount of land to address existing and new business and employment needs? - Encourage and support high value businesses that will enhance the local economy? - Promote economic regeneration opportunities? - Support the local economy to become more diverse and resilient? - Enables centres, including the town centre, to enhance their viability and vitality? - Support the visitor economy and leisure sector?	- Planning policies should set criteria for or identify strategic sites for local and inward investment and seek to address potential barriers to investment. - Planning policies should be flexible enough to accommodate needs not anticipated in the plan, allowing for new and flexible working practices. - Support economic growth and productivity across Tamworth, having regard to local policies for economic development and regeneration, particularly in Lower Gungate.	- The projected loss in the young and working age population, as well as an ageing population, may have an impact on Tamworth's ability to sustain the economy and workforce levels; - There are significant wage inequalities between men and women in the Borough, with average weekly earnings in 2024 higher for men compared to women; - There is a high reliance on micro businesses, which creates vulnerability in the instance of business death and job loss. There is a need to support small and medium-sized enterprises in the borough to improve business survival rates. There is a need to provide more good quality units for start-ups, especially within the retail and industrial sectors, as

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	Support flexible working practices through the provision of digital infrastructure and connectivity?	- Promote a dynamic economy that encourages innovation and diversification. - Encourage the use of previously developed land. - Secure investment to deliver world class infrastructure and connectivity. - Provide a balanced mix of town centre uses across the Borough. - Regenerate Tamworth town centre and transform it into a vibrant centre. - Boost the visitor economy (including the tourism and nightlife economy).	well as office space for small and medium-sized businesses, and large-scale warehousing and manufacturing space; - Only ¼ of residents work within the Borough, with the remaining commuting outside of the Borough to work. Greater employment opportunities that are appropriate for local people and their skills may encourage the retention of Tamworth's workforce, and lower levels of outward commuting; - There is a need to continue investing in Tamworth's historic town centre, to ensure that it rebuilds its role as a sustainable local service and employment centre; - The town centre is facing rising vacancy rates, particularly within Ankerside Shopping Centre, due to out-of-centre retail pressures (e.g. Ventura Park) and shifting consumer habits to online shopping; - The viability and vitality of Tamworth's centres must be protected and enhanced, and they need to be able to adapt to changing needs. There is a need to support regeneration efforts within the town centre, including at

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			Lower Gungate, in order to attract more people and improve viability; • There is a need to support and enhance the role that tourism plays in the economy; • There is a need to increase economic activity across the Borough; • The Borough has a constrained supply of new employment land, including retail floor space and large-scale manufacturing and warehouse space. It is therefore unlikely that significant new sites will be identified for employment, and that the focus is more likely to be on the redevelopment of existing sites; and • It is important that good digital connectivity is maintained to support growing businesses and remote working.
SAO2 Employment: To create greater employment opportunities and high value jobs for all across the Borough	• Help to widen and diversify the local employment market? • Support the provision of high value local jobs? • Contribute to enhancing educational and training opportunities/skills?	• Create jobs and prosperity. • Encourage long-term investment in economic capital, including infrastructure, skills and knowledge.	• There is a need to reduce the number of unemployed residents and encourage them to re-enter the workforce, particularly working age residents in the Borough who are unemployed and have never worked; • Job density in the Borough is lower than county and national averages, suggesting that there are limited employment opportunities; • There are significant wage inequalities between men and women in the Borough,

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			with average weekly earnings in 2024 higher for men compared to women; • A significant number of job vacancies in the Borough are low skilled and low wage. There is need for Tamworth's economy to become more diverse and resilient, and attract higher wage industries into the Borough; • Employment in professional occupations in Tamworth is significantly lower than the regional and national average, and less than a quarter of Tamworth's workforce is qualified to Level 4+. This highlights the Borough's reliance on a relatively narrow range of industries and the need to diversify the local economy. • Employment in professional occupations in the Borough is significantly lower than the regional and national average, however the rates of employment in SOC Major Group 8-9 (process, plant and machine operatives, and elementary occupations) is approximately double that of the West Midlands and Great Britain; and • The proportion of Tamworth's residents employed in catering, leisure, other service occupations, sales and customer services is

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			relatively high compared to the regional and national averages.
SAO3 Accessibility: Improve local accessibility to education, healthcare, employment, community, recreational and cultural facilities	- Ensure everyone has equitable access to local services and facilities, including: - Education facilities? - Health facilities? - Employment facilities? - Community facilities? - Recreation facilities? - Cultural facilities? - Protect and enhance existing facilities and services which meet local needs? - Deliver new facilities and services to meet an identified local need? <u>Increase capacity to provide education provision for children with SEND to meet identified needs?</u> - Ensure everyone has safe and convenient access to local services and facilities within a reasonable distance	- Ensure fair and equal access to services and support irrespective of race, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, socio-economic status or pregnancy/maternity. - Ensure an integrated approach to housing and community facilities and services. - Improve social mobility and reduce social exclusion.	- The population of the Borough will continue to increase disproportionately; Tamworth's young and working age population (particularly between 18-25 years) is forecasted to fall, whilst the ageing population (aged 71 years and over) is predicted to continue rising. This will lead to a less socially balanced community, with greater levels of dependency; - An ageing population will place pressure on health and social care services, supported living, and accessibility standards in housing and public spaces; - Tamworth has lower educational attainment rates than the regional and national average; - There is high demand for primary school places in Tamworth, particularly in the north of the Borough in line with recent housing development; <u>Demand for SEND support is rising, with a projected shortfall of 400 specialist school places by 2027/28. There is a need for more inclusive school environments to ensure all children/young people with SEND can be</u>

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	(appropriate to the type of facility)? Ensure development is built to accessible and inclusive design standards to address the needs of a range of users, including those who are disabled, elderly, and families with children?		<u>supported in the right place at the right time; and</u> There is a need for inclusive, well-designed developments that accommodate a shifting population structure and ensure equal access to services.
SAO4 Health: Maintain and improve the mental and physical health and wellbeing of residents	Promote <u>good health, including healthy behaviours and active lifestyles?</u> <u>Reduce health inequalities between communities?</u> Support the mental health of residents? Increase and/or improve access to health facilities and services? - Increase and/or improve access to green infrastructure/open space? - Encourage the protection of allotments and encourage the delivery of new spaces to grow food?	- Planning policies should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places. - Improve accessibility to health services. - Improve public health and wellbeing by providing effective support for mental and physical health issues. - Connect people with nature. - Deliver high quality open spaces that meet the needs of local residents and are accessible to all. - Promote healthier lifestyles and reduce obesity.	- Increased development in Tamworth may place additional pressure on existing NHS infrastructure, particularly GP practices and hospital services. There is a need to keep services accessible for all; - Life expectancy for both men and women is slightly lower than county and national averages; - Life expectancy is approximately 4 years lower for men and women in the most deprived areas of Tamworth compared to the least deprived areas; - Levels of obesity and excessive weight in adults within the Borough are significantly higher than the national average. This is likely to contribute to issues such as poor oral health and diabetes; - Levels of excess weight and obesity in children are also high, which can lead to

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	Encourage easy access to healthy food?	- Increase the proportion of people regularly exercising by prioritising active travel in the design of new development. - Support all residents to live independently.	long-term health problems including poor psychological and emotional health. Healthy eating and physical activity subsequently needs to be promoted from an early age; 1 in 4 adults and 1 in 3 children in the Borough are considered as inactive. There is subsequently a need to increase levels of physical activity and encourage healthier lifestyles; - Almost a fifth of the Borough identify themselves as disabled, which is higher than the county average; - Almost a fifth of the Borough identify themselves as disabled, which is higher than the national average; - Under-18 conception rates in the Borough remain above the national average; - There is a need to provide housing (new and existing) that is built to accessible and adaptable standards, so that where appropriate, people with disabilities can live comfortably and independently; - There is a need to support residents with disabilities in finding inclusive and accessible job opportunities, and ensure that the disability employment rate is as high as possible in line with county rates;

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			• Tamworth is within top five local authorities in England and Wales for under-18 conception rates; • Air pollution, specifically from PM2.5, significantly affects the health of residents in the Borough, especially among vulnerable groups; • <u>Poor mental health is a notable issue in Tamworth, where rates of depression and self-harm exceed both national and county averages;</u> • Dementia prevalence is high in Tamworth, driven by risk factors such as ageing, obesity, smoking and diabetes; • There is a need to improve and increase the provision of residential care and nursing services for people living with dementia in Tamworth; • There are high levels of hospital admissions due to falls in those aged over 65. There is a need to improve the adaptability, quality and accessibility of homes, alongside the wider built environment; and • The needs of the ageing population will need to be considered and addressed, including greater demand for health and care services.

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SAO5 Quality of Life: Create safe and attractive places which contribute towards quality of life and community cohesion	• Provide attractive and inclusive places which provide opportunities for communities to interact, including those with sensory and mobility issues? • Reduce opportunities for crime and promote feelings of safety? • Ensure that everyone has access to a range of facilities to meet their everyday needs? • Improve quality of and access to cultural heritage? • Ensure that everyone has access to a range of different types of outdoor space? • Ensure provision of private amenity space? • Reduce inequalities associated with deprivation across the Borough?	• Provide opportunities for members of the community to mix and meet. • Tackle poverty and inequality. • Reduce crime and help residents feel safe.	• Tamworth is particularly deprived with respect to education, health, and crime, and this is also evident in neighbouring authorities. Deprivation is most evident within Glascote Heath and Central Tamworth; • A large proportion of children in Tamworth experience income deprivation, leading to them falling below the poverty line; and • In line with national and regional trends, crime rates in Tamworth are increasing. There is a need for well-designed developments that assist in reducing opportunities for crime, lowering the fear of crime and promoting feelings of safety.

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SAO6 Housing: To deliver a range of housing sites and ensure everyone has access to high quality and affordable housing, which meets the needs of all residents	• Increase the delivery of homes built to accessible and adaptable standards? • Improve the condition and sustainability of the existing housing stock to improve climate change resilience and living environment? • Contribute towards meeting housing need and deliver new homes? • Contribute towards meeting identified needs for all sections of society, including the provision of affordable homes and specialist homes? • Support all residents to live independently? • Ensure that an appropriate mix of dwelling size, type and tenure is provided? • Provide self-build and custom-build housing opportunities?	• Meet future housing need. The NPPF requires local authorities to use their evidence base to ensure that their Local Plan meets the full, objectively assessed needs for market and affordable housing in the housing market area, and is informed by agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring areas is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development, as far as is consistent with the policies set out in the NPPF, including identifying key sites which are critical to the delivery of the housing strategy over the plan period. • Ensure that housing growth requirements are accommodated in the most sustainable way. • Enable housing growth and deliver a mix of high-quality	• Tamworth is experiencing modest household growth; • Tamworth's land constraints mean that the Borough has limited land available for housing delivery. Tamworth will be unable to meet its housing need in full without support from neighbouring authorities; • There will be limited land available for major housing developments; there will subsequently be a greater reliance on smaller sites to deliver housing need, which may in turn increase pressure on existing infrastructure; • There is a need to meet the full range of housing needs across all of society. This includes needs for specific types and tenures of housing, across both market and affordable; • There is a need for continued improvement in the design, build quality and sustainability of new housing; • There has been an increase in privately rented housing, while ownership and social renting have declined;

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	Avoid the loss of, or other negative impact on, the Borough's existing housing stock?	housing of varying size and tenure in order to meet local family housing needs. - Ensure there is an adequate number of affordable housing. - Reduce the number of empty homes. - Provide a mix of housing that will be attractive to older people and those with care needs, including new mixed tenure 'care ready' age designated housing. - Ensure there is an adequate supply of adapted households, specifically wheelchair user dwellings. - Reduce homelessness.	- The Borough's existing housing stock is predominantly made up of semi-detached housing. New development subsequently provides the opportunity to further diversify the housing stock, and provide for a greater range of needs; - The supply of larger family-sized homes (4 or more bedrooms) is limited, contributing to overcrowding, particularly among households with children and multi-generational families; - The cost of housing in the Borough has increased at a higher rate than local earning, making it difficult for individuals to get onto the property ladder; - There is a need to provide more affordable housing, which must be appropriate to both the local housing market and income profile. Tamworth's relatively limited land supply means that naturally, there is a greater reliance on minor development sites. These types of sites are not required by local policy to deliver any affordable dwellings; - Deprivation and housing stress are concentrated in areas with high levels of social housing; and

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			• There will be a need for suitably designed housing to meet demands of an aging population; and • There is a demand for self-build and custom-build housing in Tamworth. The Council should support the delivery of self-build and custom housebuilding sites, where opportunities for land arise and where such schemes are consistent with other planning policies.
SAO7 Sustainable Travel: Reduce the need to travel and promote the use of sustainable travel modes including walking, cycling and public transport usage.	• Encourage new development to be located within an accessible distance to facilities, services and, for example, jobs in order to reduce journey length/time and/or the need to travel? • Maximise access to public transport services by improving public transport connections to new and existing destinations? • Maximise opportunities for active travel (including walking and cycling) by	• Make the fullest possible use of public transport and active travel (walking and cycling); make cycling and walking a natural choice for shorter journeys. • Encourage sustainable transport and reduce the need to travel. • Create places that are safe, secure and attractive which minimise the scope for conflicts between pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.	• Increased development within the Borough is contributing towards high levels of road congestion, particularly as there is a significant reliance on the petrol or diesel-fuelled private car as the main mode of transport within the Borough; • Frequent and short (less than 5km) journeys in particular are often carried out by private car, adding to congestion issues (particularly in the north of the Borough); • There is a need to ensure that strategic and local road networks can accommodate additional traffic generated from new development;

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	improving and creating safe and secure active travel networks?	• Contribute to tackling climate change by developing and promoting low carbon travel choices. • Support the move to low emission vehicles. • Have an integrated, well managed and inclusive rights of way and access network. • Local planning authorities should support the expansion of electronic vehicle networks.	• There is a need to ensure that the rail network, specifically key local routes, are protected; • There is a need to make sustainable travel options within the Borough more accessible and inclusive, in order to reduce reliance on the private vehicle; • Given the Borough's compact nature, there is a need to encourage more walking and cycling journeys (particularly short journeys) to reduce high levels of private car use and existing congestion issues; • There is a need to make improvements to safe and direct cycling routes across the Borough, in order to reduce level of severance across routes; • A large number of residents utilise private transport in the form of petrol or diesel cars to commute to work, as well as for travel for leisure activities; • The proportion of workers using sustainable transport mode to get to work can be improved;

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			- The number EV charging points is not currently sufficient to meet the needs of residents; and - Uncertain growth in private car ownership could contribute to further air pollution, and associated impacts on climate, human health and biodiversity.
SAO8 Air, Light and Noise Pollution: Minimise air, light and noise pollution and ensure that future growth does not lead to the deterioration of environmental conditions	- Maintain and improve air quality within the Borough? - Ensure that new and existing communities are not adversely affected by poor air quality? - Minimise noise pollution, ensuring that sensitive receptors, including new and existing communities are not adversely affected by ambient noise? - Avoid exacerbating light pollution by keeping external lighting to the minimum required for safety and security?	- Ensure that air quality is maintained or enhanced and that emissions of air pollutants are kept to a minimum. - Reduce air pollution contributions by developing and promoting low-carbon travel choices. - Minimise pollution and other adverse effects on the local and natural environment. - Limit the impact of light pollution from artificial light, and noise pollution from development, on local amenity and nature conservation.	- Air quality issues may be exacerbating inequalities related to air pollution health issues; - There are no AQMAs in the Borough, however monitoring is ongoing. while Tamworth currently meets national air quality standards, future housing and commercial growth could increase traffic and emissions; - There is significant reliance on the petrol or diesel-fuelled private car as the main mode of transport within the Borough; - Housing growth is likely to increase additional vehicle movements and this needs to be properly managed so that extra vehicles do not result in a significant deterioration of the local air quality;

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			• There is the potential for adverse impacts on wellbeing if inappropriate new development is located near a major source of noise, including any existing or new major roads; • There is a need to reduce light pollution and restrict further intensification of light pollution from new developments; and • Air, noise and light pollution could be generated through construction works, as well as the development of new homes, in the Borough, resulting from growth proposed in the Local Plan.
SA09 Soils and Water Pollution: Minimise soils and water pollution and ensure that future growth does not lead to the deterioration of environmental conditions	• Protect and maintain soil quality? • Prevent soil pollution? • Improve or remediate contaminated land? • <u>Protect groundwater quality in source protection zones?</u> • Maintain and improve surface water and groundwater quality?	• Sustainably manage soils. • Protect soil quality and avoid soil pollution, particularly during construction. • Prevent pollution of groundwater. • Ensure that water quality is improved or maintained where possible. • Ensure national and localised water quality and wastewater targets are met.	• The soil is predominantly composed of loamy and clayey soils with high groundwater, which may limit agricultural productivity and drainage in the small areas of agricultural land within the Borough; • New development could lead to increased soil compaction and erosion, particularly during the construction phase of development, which may increase flood risk; • Disruption to soils due to the construction phase of development will lead to the release of CO₂, as well as impede the ability of the soil to sequester carbon; • All of the waterbodies within the Borough are currently achieving 'moderate' or 'poor'

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		- Promote the effective delivery of adequate water and wastewater infrastructure. - Improve water efficiency and minimise the amount of water lost through leakage. - Promote sustainable and water efficient development.	ecological status. Reasons for this include Sewage discharge, urban development, trade/ industry discharge, quarrying, and poor livestock management. - There is a need to improve water quality within the River Tame and River Anker catchments; and - Population growth will increase demand on already stressed water resources and waste treatment infrastructure. SuDS, water-efficient development <u>and improvements to watercourses, including more naturalisation,</u> are needed to manage future demand and climate change impacts. <u>There are areas of high and medium-high groundwater vulnerability within Tamworth. The areas surrounding the Source Protection Zone to the west of the town need to be protected from potential pollution due to the proximity to drinking water sources.</u>
SAO10 Minimising Contributions to Climate Change: Reduce emissions that contribute toward climate	Minimise carbon emissions from new developments, both in their construction and future use, through energy efficiency and	Continue to cut greenhouse gas emissions in order to mitigate the climate emergency declared by Tamworth Borough Council.	- New developments will need to incorporate low-carbon and renewable energy generation to minimise carbon emissions; - Solar is currently the main form of renewable energy generation in the Borough, however, other sources of

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change and support the achievement of a net zero carbon Borough	sustainable use of materials? • Encourage the re-use of existing buildings? • Reduce carbon emissions of existing buildings? • Reduce the need to travel by private vehicle? • Support the shift towards use of electric and ultralow emissions vehicles (ULEVs)? • Encourage renewable energy generation or use of energy from renewable sources to minimise greenhouse house emissions?	• Promote low carbon economies and adopt proactive strategies to mitigate carbon emissions in line with the Climate Change Act; achieve a 100% reduction by 2050. • Increase resilience to climate change impact through the location, mix and design of development. • Reduce the need to travel and provide sustainable transport to help mitigate climate change by reducing emissions. • Support energy efficiency and other sustainability improvements (such as the re-use of buildings) in order to improve the resilience of homes and buildings to climate change. • Encourage the provision of renewable energy.	renewable energy should be considered in order to support the Borough in its transition away from fossil fuels; and • Domestic and transport emissions from the combustion of fossil fuels are the main contributors of CO2 in the Borough.

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SAO11 Adaptation to Climate Change: Adapt to the effects of climate change including extreme weather and overheating and strengthen climate change	• Ensure new development is designed to withstand future climate change (e.g. overheating, increased storm severity and to withstand extreme weather changes)? • Ensure surface and groundwater water resources are used efficiently?	• Support adaptive water resource management to respond to climate change and increasing demand. • Maximise the potential of Green Infrastructure in providing climate change mitigation.	• It is important to become more resilient to the wider effects of climate change through adaptation measures. New developments need to minimise vulnerability and provide resilience to climate change, including implementing adaptation measures in respect of rising temperatures, water scarcity and extreme weather events, particularly heavy rainfall/flooding and heat waves. Working with communities to build local resilience is also essential, ensuring a coordinated response to climate-related challenges; • The extent to which the effects of climate change are experienced across the Borough is not equally distributed. Residents in Central Tamworth and Glascote Heath are most vulnerable to climate related heat. Measures to mitigate the effects of climate change should consider these inequalities; and • Green Infrastructure presents opportunities to address multiple issues through multifunctional spaces.
SAO12 Flood Risk Minimise current and future flood risk	• Reduce flood risk and ensure new development	• Improve flood awareness and emergency planning.	• Fluvial and surface flooding present the greatest flooding risks in the Borough;

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	provides sustainable urban drainage? - Ensure new development is directed away from areas of fluvial flood risk? <u>Restore watercourses to a more natural state?</u>	- Include natural flood management (e.g. Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems) where possible to provide additional benefits to residents (such as biodiversity enhancement) compared to traditional hard engineered flood solutions. - Avoid development in areas of flood risk.	- Residents in Central Tamworth and Glascote Heath are most vulnerable to flooding; and - New development will need to incorporate sustainable drainage systems to sustainably reduce flood risk.
SA013 Biodiversity: Safeguard and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity and improve connectivity between functional habitats	- Avoid adverse effects on internationally designated habitats sites? - Maintain and enhance nature conservation assets, including nationally and locally designated wildlife sites? - Achieve biodiversity net gain (BNG) in new developments? - Support habitat connectivity through linking existing and new functional habitats and	- Identify, protect and enhance biodiversity and ecological corridors, including international, national and local designated sites (statutory and non-statutory), protected and priority species, habitats and wildlife networks. - Minimise impacts on biodiversity and provide net gains in biodiversity in line with NPPF and the Environment Act 2021. - Recognise the wider benefits of ecosystem services.	- There are a range of nature conservation sites (statutory and non-statutory) within the Borough which require protection from development; - There is a need to ensure development includes habitat creation and enhancement with consideration of the wider landscape and ecological corridors; - The majority of waterbodies within the River Anker catchment achieved 'Poor' ecological status in 2022; - Potential effects on European designated Habitats Sites outside of the Borough needs to be considered;

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	creating an improved network of blue and green infrastructure across the Borough? • Improve non-designated habitat maintenance? • Protect sites of geological importance?	• Biodiversity creation and enhancement in and around development should be designed at the landscape level and led by local understanding. • Maintain and restore priority habitats, including lowland wood-pasture and parkland, heathlands, wetlands, woodlands, rivers, and species-rich farmland, to ensure future resilience. • Create buffer zones around high-quality habitats. • Maximise the potential of Green Infrastructure within urban and rural areas to reduce the impact of climate change and act as stepping stones within the ecological networks. • Protect and enhance natural greenspace with regards to its cultural and public connection, and its accessibility.	• There is need to ensure favourable management of protected sites within the Borough; • There is a need to increase resilience of nature in light of climate change. Green spaces should be joined up, particularly through use of the canal network, and water resources protected from damage; • There is a need to prioritise nature recovery across the Borough, in line with the emerging Staffordshire LNRS; and • There is a need to ensure that as much of the minimum target of 10% BNG is met within the Borough as possible.

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		• Maintain and enhance geodiversity through the management of sites, areas and wider landscapes. • Increase recognition of our geodiversity in development policies. • Restore and enhance waterbodies to improve biodiversity. • Provide public education on biodiversity and the value of local habitats.	
SAO14 Historic Environment: Conserve and enhance the significance of heritage and archaeological assets and their settings	• Conserve and enhance designated and non-designated heritage, cultural and archaeological assets, historic landscapes and features, and their settings? • Improve the condition of the historic environment including heritage at risk, through conservation and renewal efforts?	• Conserve and enhance the significance of international, national and local designated and non-designated heritage assets, including locally significant historic buildings and heritage assets and their settings. • Conserve and enhance historic character and local distinctiveness.	• The cumulative impact of development proposals and associated infrastructure requirements is likely to be one of the most significant issues for the historic environment and special character of Tamworth; • Designated and non-designated heritage assets in the Borough, and their settings, could be negatively affected by new development which can erode the quality of the built environment and heritage features or sterilise or lead to the loss of existing

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	• Maintain and enhance access to and understanding of heritage, cultural and archaeological assets and features for enjoyment and educational purposes? • Ensure that new development uses existing historic character and heritage significance to guide design? • Encourage heritage-led regeneration? • Encourage the re-use, retention and repair of historic assets?	• Improve the condition of heritage ‘at risk’ in the Borough. • Maintain and enhance access to cultural heritage assets. • Ensure development in or adjacent to Conservation Areas or Listed buildings (and their settings) respects their character and context and enhances the quality of the built environment. • Preserve and enhance the significance of Conservation Areas in Tamworth Borough. • Ensure that any alterations or repairs to traditional buildings preserve and where possible, improve the character and appearance of the building. • Promote the use of sustainable materials. • Protect the historic environment for the benefit of	heritage assets. A good understanding of heritage value will therefore be required; • Heritage assets are irreplaceable resource and need to be conserved in a manner that is appropriate to their significance; • Climate change is likely to be a significant issue for the historic environment, however the historic environment can play a vital role in climate change mitigation, through the reuse, retention and repair of historic assets; • There are two assets on the heritage at risk register, both of which are in poor condition; • Funding for enhancement and repair work of cultural heritage assets needs to be maintained; • There is a need to maintain and preserve cultural assets and access to cultural facilities; • There is an opportunity to enhance the setting of existing heritage assets or contribute to their preservation through sensitive design or appropriate repurposing; • There is an opportunity to improve the appearance of the town centre and

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		our own and future generations. Maximise the economic and social impact of heritage and to ensure that current and future generations can enjoy and benefit from it.	encourage increased tourism rates through heritage led regeneration; and - The protection of the Borough's cultural heritage remains a significant issue for many local residents, businesses and community groups.
SAO15 Landscape and Townscape: Protect and enhance local distinctiveness and landscape and townscape quality	- Maintain and strengthen local landscape and townscape character and distinctiveness? - Avoid coalescence of settlements and/or urban sprawl? - Promote high quality design which successfully responds to its context such as edge of settlement or urban environments? - Improve the appearance landscape and/or townscape? - Safeguard natural landscape and townscape	- Maintain and enhance the overall quality and diversity of landscape character across the Borough. - Seek to promote or reinforce local distinctiveness. - Protect and enhance valued landscapes, biological and geological conservation interests and soils. - Recognise the wider benefits from natural capital and ecosystem services. - Conserve and enhance the natural beauty of landscapes.	- A small proportion of the Borough is protected as Green Belt. Any loss of Green Belt would need to ensure that the remaining area still serves its purpose; - There are three different landscape character areas in the Borough, indicating the diversity in landscape types; and - Targeted investment and conservation efforts are being used to improve areas experiencing degradation and underuse.

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	features such as trees and hedgerows?	Seek to protect Green Belt across the Borough where possible.	
SAO16 Land Resources: Ensure the efficient use of land and mineral resources	- Protect Best and Most Versatile (BMV) Agricultural Land? - Prioritise the development of previously developed, degraded, and/or under-used land? - Avoid the sterilisation of minerals resources and safeguard existing mineral resource areas?	- Encourage the use of previously developed (brownfield) land. - Remediate land contamination. - Promote the efficient supply and use of minerals.	- Tamworth is a small Borough which is comprised of predominantly urban land with small areas of Grade 2 and Grade 3 agricultural land on the edges of the Borough. Over time, the amount of available and suitable land for development will continue to decline, making it increasingly challenging to meet future needs. This will place increasing pressure on Tamworth's small stock of greenfield land; and - There is a need to safeguard existing mineral resource areas.
SAO17 Waste: Minimise the generation of waste and effectively manage waste that is created in line with the Circular Economy	- Enable waste to be treated in line with circular economy principles (e.g. recycling, re-using, composting)? - Require adequate waste separation facilities in new and existing developments in order to encourage more recycling? Support the circular use of the built	- Ensure the design and layout of new development supports sustainable waste management. - Manage waste in line with the waste hierarchy. - Meet national, regional and localised waste targets including those on landfill, reuse and recycling.	- Local Authority Waste Collection (LAWC) includes landfill, recycling, composting and incineration; - Recycling rates for LAWC in Tamworth are below the national average; - Household recycling rates for LAWC in Tamworth decreased between 2015 and 2023, but increased during the 2023-24 financial year;

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	environment by encouraging the repurposing and refurbishing of buildings, instead of demolition? • Safeguard existing waste management sites as key infrastructure for enabling circular economy practices?	• Provide protection to the local environment and residents, whilst ensuring the provision of waste management facilities in accordance with Government policy and society's needs. • Encourage and support the Circular Economy where possible. • Promote the use of sustainable materials.	• The quantity of household waste produced in Tamworth is greater than the national average; • In order to implement the circular economy, new developments need to ensure that there is adequate space for waste separation; and • To support the waste hierarchy, buildings should be repurposed and demolition waste should be recycled where possible.