

APPENDIX VI: COMPATIBILITY ANALYSIS SA OF THE DRAFT CHELTENHAM PLAN VISION AND OBJECTIVES

Key:

Neutral	○
Very Compatible	++
Compatible	+
Uncertain	?
Incompatible	-
Very Incompatible	--

Draft Cheltenham Borough Local Plan Vision Theme A:

“Cheltenham is a place where people live in strong, safe, healthy, well-served and well-connected communities”

IA No.	IA Objective	Compatibility Analysis
1	Ensure everyone has access to a high quality home that they can afford and that meets their needs.	++
2	Ensure the availability of employment land and premises to encourage inward investment and support the growth of existing businesses and the vitality of the town and its suburbs.	++
3	Support communities with inclusive design, promote healthy lifestyles and reduce inequalities in wellbeing and opportunity.	++
4	Improve provision and accessibility to services and facilities, including health and educational facilities.	++
5	Maximise the use of sustainable modes of transport and reduce the need to travel by car	++
6	To ensure safety and ease of access to the existing road network, and ensure that there is capacity to accommodate growth.	++
7	To reduce the contribution to climate change and reduce the contribution to atmospheric pollution, including greenhouse gases.	++
8	To reduce the demand for water, and maintain and improve the quality of water	++
9	To manage and reduce flood risk.	++
10	To safeguard and enhance biodiversity and improve connectivity between green spaces and functional habitats.	+
11	Protect and improve the quality of the townscape and the broader landscape setting.	+
12	To protect and enhance the area's distinctive historic environment, including known and potential archaeological sites, designated and non-designated heritage assets and their setting, in a manner appropriate to their significance.	+
13	To protect and enhance the area's distinctive qualities that form part of the attraction to and fondness for the area.	+
14	Minimise the use of natural resources including soil and greenfield land, protect safeguarded mineral resources, and soil quality.	+

Summary:

The Draft Cheltenham Borough Local Plan Vision Theme A is compatible with all of the IA Objectives, particularly those relating directly to settlements, settlement infrastructure and settlement connectivity.

IA Recommendation(s): No recommendation.

Draft Cheltenham Borough Local Plan Objectives Theme A:

- a) Recognise the local distinctiveness of Cheltenham's various neighbourhoods and deliver regeneration where appropriate;
- b) Ensure provision of sufficient housing land and other opportunities for residential development that meets the needs of the current and future population of the Borough;
- c) Understand what people need from the places where they live and work to help create socially sustainable communities via local models;
- d) Ensure that new communities are integrated with neighbouring communities to promote cohesion and reduce social isolation;
- e) Enable investment in schools, healthcare and other community facilities and meeting places in order to support new and existing communities;
- f) Increase opportunities for sport and active leisure, particularly in areas of under-provision;
- g) Ensure that places are designed in a way that is accessible to all and promotes walking, cycling and use of public transport;
- h) Support a network of neighbourhood centres that provide an appropriate range of local amenities to support sustainable communities; and
- i) Ensure that new development protects public safety and amenity and creates environments that contribute to reducing crime and fear of crime.

Draft Cheltenham LP Objectives (Theme A)	Integrated Appraisal Objectives													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
A	+	++	++	+	+	0	+	?	0	0	++	++	++	++
B	++	0	++	+	0	0	?	?	?	?	?	?	+	?
C	+	++	++	++	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	++	0
D	+	0	++	++	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E	+	0	++	++	+	0	0	?	0	0	?	0	0	?
F	+	0	++	++	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
G	+	++	++	++	++	++	++	0	0	0	+	0	0	0
H	+	++	++	++	++	0	++	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I	+	+	++	+	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0

Summary:

The Draft Cheltenham Borough Local Plan Theme A Objectives are compatible with the majority of the IA Objectives, particularly IA Objectives relating to the provision of housing, employment and infrastructure and Objectives that seek to reduce inequalities. Some of the Theme A Objectives are very specific and therefore only relate to certain IA topics, as such these are likely to have a neutral effect on a number of other IA Objectives.

Overall, the IA found that each of the Theme A Objectives are compatible with at least one of all the IA Objectives which means that each Theme A objective is contributing to sustainable development to a certain extent. Given the complex inter-relationships between objectives, some uncertainties do exist; for example, the delivery of new housing has the potential to affect water resources and quality, flood risk, townscape, biodiversity and historic heritage settings. Positive effects will be dependent on further objectives that seek to minimise potential negative effects and maximise positive effects, for example objectives that seek to reduce demand for water resources and objectives that seek high quality design.

IA Recommendation(s): To reduce uncertainties, Theme A Objective B could be expanded to include wording that seeks to minimise effects on the natural environment whilst meeting housing needs. For example,

'Ensure provision of sufficient housing land and other opportunities for residential development that meets the needs of the current and future population of the Borough, whilst minimising the impacts of development on the natural environment'

Draft Cheltenham Borough Local Plan Vision Theme B:

“Cheltenham is a place with a prosperous and enterprising economy where education and employment opportunities are increasing and diversifying, where businesses choose to invest and where the benefits are felt by all”

IA No.	IA Objective	Compatibility Analysis
1	Ensure everyone has access to a high quality home that they can afford and that meets their needs.	0
2	Ensure the availability of employment land and premises to encourage inward investment and support the growth of existing businesses and the vitality of the town and its suburbs.	++
3	Support communities with inclusive design, promote healthy lifestyles and reduce inequalities in wellbeing and opportunity.	++
4	Improve provision and accessibility to services and facilities, including health and educational facilities.	++
5	Maximise the use of sustainable modes of transport and reduce the need to travel by car	0
6	To ensure safety and ease of access to the existing road network, and ensure that there is capacity to accommodate growth.	0
7	To reduce the contribution to climate change and reduce the contribution to atmospheric pollution, including greenhouse gases.	0
8	To reduce the demand for water, and maintain and improve the quality of water	0
9	To manage and reduce flood risk.	0
10	To safeguard and enhance biodiversity and improve connectivity between green spaces and functional habitats.	0
11	Protect and improve the quality of the townscape and the broader landscape setting.	0
12	To protect and enhance the area's distinctive historic environment, including known and potential archaeological sites, designated and non-designated heritage assets and their setting, in a manner appropriate to their significance.	0
13	To protect and enhance the area's distinctive qualities that form part of the attraction to and fondness for the area.	+

14	Minimise the use of natural resources including soil and greenfield land, protect safeguarded mineral resources, and soil quality.	0
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Summary:

The Draft Cheltenham Borough Local Plan Vision Theme B is very specific to the economy and employment and educational opportunities, as such the Theme B Vision is strongly compatible with IA Objectives relating to the economy and education, and can support a reduction in inequalities. Given that it is so specific however, it is unlikely to affect the majority of IA Objectives.

IA Recommendation(s): No recommendation.

Draft Cheltenham Borough Local Plan Objectives Theme B:

- a) Ensure provision of sufficient employment land and other opportunities for economic development to attract new businesses and to enable existing businesses to grow and develop within Cheltenham;
- b) Promote the development of adaptable and flexible employment space within Cheltenham so that sites and buildings can be re-used with minimal environmental impact;
- c) Assist in developing and maintaining an attractive retail offer in the town centre and other designated centres;
- d) Encourage the delivery of sustainable transport infrastructure, a range of transport options and better links across the Borough including parking provision and public transport;
- e) Encourage knowledge-intensive services businesses in high value sectors; and
- f) Support development of Cheltenham's educational facilities to ensure that the young people have access to a wide range of opportunities.

Draft Cheltenham LP Objectives (Theme B)	Integrated Appraisal Objectives													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
A	0	++	+	0	0	0	?	?	?	?	?	?	+	?
B	0	++	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	++	+	+	+

Draft Cheltenham LP Objectives (Theme B)	Integrated Appraisal Objectives													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
C	0	++	+	++	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	+
D	0	++	++	++	++	++	++	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
E	0	++	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
F	0	++	+	++	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0

Summary:

The Draft Cheltenham Borough Local Plan Theme B Vision and Objectives are very specific to the economy and employment and educational opportunities, as such the Theme B Objectives are unlikely to have an effect on the majority of the IA Objectives. The Theme B Objectives are highly compatible with IA Objectives relating to the economy, employment and education, as well as IA Objectives to reduce inequalities. Theme B Objective B seeks to re-use buildings and minimize impacts on the environment, as this Objective encompasses environmental considerations it is considered compatible with the majority of IA Objectives.

Overall, the IA found that each of the Theme B Objectives are compatible with at least one of all the IA Objectives which means that each Theme B objective is contributing to sustainable development to a certain extent. Given the complex inter-relationships between objectives, some uncertainties do exist; for example, the delivery of new employment land has the potential to affect water resources and quality, flood risk, townscape, biodiversity and historic heritage settings. Positive effects will be dependent on further objectives that seek to minimize potential negative effects and maximize positive effects, for example objectives that seek to reduce demand for water resources and objectives that seek high quality design.

IA Recommendation(s): To reduce uncertainties, Theme B Objective A could be expanded to include wording that seeks to minimise effects on the natural environment whilst delivering new employment land. For example,

'Ensure provision of sufficient employment land and other opportunities for economic development to attract new businesses and to enable existing businesses to grow and develop within Cheltenham, whilst minimising the impacts of development on the natural environment'

Draft Cheltenham Borough Local Plan Vision Theme C:

“Cheltenham is a place where the quality and sustainability of our cultural assets and natural and built environment are valued and recognised locally, nationally and internationally and tourists choose to visit and return to”

IA No.	IA Objective	Compatibility Analysis
1	Ensure everyone has access to a high quality home that they can afford and that meets their needs.	+
2	Ensure the availability of employment land and premises to encourage inward investment and support the growth of existing businesses and the vitality of the town and its suburbs.	+
3	Support communities with inclusive design, promote healthy lifestyles and reduce inequalities in wellbeing and opportunity.	+
4	Improve provision and accessibility to services and facilities, including health and educational facilities.	+
5	Maximise the use of sustainable modes of transport and reduce the need to travel by car	+
6	To ensure safety and ease of access to the existing road network, and ensure that there is capacity to accommodate growth.	+
7	To reduce the contribution to climate change and reduce the contribution to atmospheric pollution, including greenhouse gases.	+
8	To reduce the demand for water, and maintain and improve the quality of water	++
9	To manage and reduce flood risk.	+
10	To safeguard and enhance biodiversity and improve connectivity between green spaces and functional habitats.	++
11	Protect and improve the quality of the townscape and the broader landscape setting.	++
12	To protect and enhance the area's distinctive historic environment, including known and potential archaeological sites, designated and non-designated heritage assets and their setting, in a manner appropriate to their significance.	++
13	To protect and enhance the area's distinctive qualities that form part of the attraction to and fondness for the area.	++

14	Minimise the use of natural resources including soil and greenfield land, protect safeguarded mineral resources, and soil quality.	++
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Summary:

The Draft Cheltenham Borough Local Plan Vision Theme C is compatible with all of the IA Objectives, particularly those relating to environmental considerations, which is not surprising given that the theme seeks to place value on quality and sustainability in both the natural and built environment.

IA Recommendation(s): No recommendation.

Draft Cheltenham Borough Local Plan Objectives Theme C:

- a) Conserve and enhance Cheltenham's architectural, townscape and landscape heritage, particularly within the town's conservation areas;
- b) Conserve, manage and enhance Cheltenham's natural environment and biodiversity;
- c) Support development of Cheltenham's sporting, cultural, arts and tourism infrastructure (including public art) to ensure that the Borough maintains its reputation as a cultural destination and continues to be an attractive place to visit;
- d) Address the challenge of climate change, ensuring that development meets high design and sustainability standards and is built to be adaptable over the long term;
- e) Create a walkable network of interconnected, multifunctional green spaces that link with the wider countryside;
- f) Support provision, maintenance and continued investment in a high quality public and private realm, including formal and informal green spaces and private gardens that contribute to local amenity and wildlife biodiversity; and
- g) Manage and reduce the risk of flooding within the Borough.

Draft Cheltenham LP Objectives (Theme C)	Integrated Appraisal Objectives													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
A	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	++	++	++	0
B	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	++	+	++	++	0	++	++
C	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	++	+	++	0
D	++	+	++	+	+	+	++	++	+	+	++	0	++	+
E	0	0	++	+	+	0	+	+	+	++	++	0	++	+
F	++	+	++	0	+	0	+	0	0	++	++	+	++	0
G	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	++	+	+	0	+	0

Summary:

The Draft Cheltenham Borough Local Plan Theme C Objectives are compatible with the majority of the IA Objectives, particularly IA Objectives relating to the protection and enhancement of the natural environment, and the promotion of healthy lifestyles. Some of the Theme C Objectives are very specific and therefore only relate to certain IA topics, as such these are likely to have a neutral effect on a number of other IA Objectives.

Overall, the IA found that each of the Theme C Objectives are compatible with at least one of all the IA Objectives which means that each Theme C objective is contributing to sustainable development to a certain extent.

IA Recommendation(s): No recommendation.