

Legal Compliance - SEA Regulations Checklist

Table 1 below shows how the Sustainability Appraisal process associated with the production of the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2046 incorporates the requirements of [the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004](#) (commonly referred to as the "Strategic Environmental Assessment Regulations" or SEA).

Table 1 SEA Regulations checklist

SEA Regulations Requirements	Relevant Report
Preparation of environmental report (Regulation 12) including the elements set out in the following rows.	Scoping Report (2023, updated 2026) Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal for Further Issues and Options (2024) Sustainability Appraisal of Sites (2024, 2025, updated 2026) Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal for the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan to 2046 (2025) Sustainability Appraisal for the Pre-Submission Local Plan to 2046 (2026)
An outline of the contents, main objectives of the plan or programme, and relationship with other relevant plans and programmes.	Scoping Report (2023, updated 2026) Chapter 3, Appendix 1 Sustainability Appraisal for the Pre-Submission Local Plan to 2046 (2026), Chapters 1 and 3
The relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without implementation of the plan or programme.	Scoping Report (2023, updated 2026), Chapters 4 and 5
The environment characteristics of areas likely to be significantly affected	Scoping Report (2023, updated 2026), Chapter 4
Any existing environmental problems which are relevant to the plan or programme including, in particular, those relating to any areas of a particular environmental importance, such as areas designated pursuant to Directives 2009/147/EC (Conservation of Wild Birds) and 92/43/EEC (Habitats Directive).	Scoping Report (2023, updated 2026), Chapter 5

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The environmental protection objectives, established at international, community or national level, which are relevant to the plan or programme and the way those objectives and any environmental considerations have been taken into account during its preparation.	Scoping Report (2023, updated 2026) Chapter 3, Appendix 1 Sustainability Appraisal for the Pre-Submission Local Plan to 2046 (2026), Section 3.7 and 3.8
The likely significant effects on the environment, including on issues such as biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climatic factors, material assets, cultural heritage including architectural and archaeological heritage, landscapes and the interrelationship between the above factors. These effects should include secondary, cumulative, synergistic, short, medium and long-term permanent and temporary, positive and negative effects.	Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal for Further Issues and Options (2024), Chapter 4 Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal for the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan to 2046 (2025), Chapter 6 Sustainability Appraisal for the Pre-Submission Local Plan to 2046 (2026), Chapter 5
The measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan or programme.	Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal for Further Issues and Options (2024), Chapter 4 Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal for the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan to 2046 (2025), Chapter 6 Sustainability Appraisal for the Pre-Submission Local Plan to 2046 (2026), Chapter 5
An outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with, and a description of how the assessment was undertaken including any difficulties (such as technical deficiencies or lack of know-how) encountered in compiling the required information.	Sustainability Appraisal for the Pre-Submission Local Plan to 2046 (2026), Chapter 5
A description of measures envisaged concerning monitoring in accordance with Regulation 17.	Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal for Further Issues and Options (2024), Chapter 7 Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal for the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan to 2046 (2025), Chapter 10 Sustainability Appraisal for the Pre-Submission Local Plan to 2046 (2026), Chapter 6

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A non-technical summary of the information provided under the above headings.	Scoping Report (2023, updated 2026) Non-Technical Summary Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal for Further Issues and Options (2024), Non-Technical Summary Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal for the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan to 2046 (2025), Non-Technical Summary Sustainability Appraisal for the Pre-Submission Local Plan to 2046 (2026) Non-Technical Summary
Consultation Procedures (Reg 13) As soon as reasonably practicable after their preparation, the draft plan or programme and environmental report shall be sent to the consultation bodies and brought to the attention of the public, who should be invited to express their opinion. The period within which opinions must be sent must be of such length as will ensure an effective opportunity to express their opinion.	Scoping Report (2023, updated 2026), Chapter 7 Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal for Further Issues and Options (2024), Chapter 6 Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal for the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan to 2046 (2025), Chapter 9 Sustainability Appraisal for the Pre-Submission Local Plan to 2046 (2026), Chapter 5
Information as to adoption of plan or programme (Regulation 16) As soon as reasonably practicable after the plan or programme is adopted, the consultation bodies, the public and the Secretary of State (who will inform any other EU Member States consulted) shall be informed and the following made available: • the plan or programme adopted • the environmental report • a statement summarising: (a) how environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan or programme; (b) how the environmental report has been taken into account; (c) how opinions expressed in response to: (i) the invitation referred to in regulation 13(2)(d);	Adoption statement (future report). To be prepared when the Local Plan has been adopted.

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(ii) action taken by the responsible authority in accordance with regulation 13(4), have been taken into account; (d) how the results of any consultations entered into under regulation 14(4) have been taken into account; (e) the reasons for choosing the plan or programme as adopted, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with; and (f) the measures that are to be taken to monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the plan or programme.	
Monitoring of implementation of plans or programmes (Regulation 17) Monitoring of significant environmental effects of the plan's or programme's implementation with the purpose of identifying unforeseen adverse effects at an early stage and being able to undertake appropriate remedial action (regulation 17 (1)). Monitoring arrangements may comprise or include arrangements established for other purposes (regulation 17 (2)).	Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal for Further Issues and Options (2024), Chapter 7 Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal for the Preferred Options Draft Local Plan to 2046 (2025), Chapter 10 Sustainability Appraisal for the Pre-Submission Local Plan to 2046 (2026), Chapter 6