



Local Development Framework

Screening Document for Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environment Assessment

Supplementary Planning Documents

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Purpose of the Sustainability Appraisal

1. The Councils intend to adopt six topic-based Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) following the preparation of the Core Strategy for Central Lancashire. The SPDs are:

- Affordable Housing
- Design
- Open Space and Playing Pitch
- Controlling Re-use of Employment Premises
- Rural Development
- Access to Healthy Food

2. The Planning Act 2008 allows Local Planning Authorities to prepare SPDs without undertaking SA/SEA, as long as they screen for the need for a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) incorporating a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the SPD as it is produced. In light of the 2008 Planning Act, the Councils are required to carry out a screening to ensure that the legal requirements for SA/SEA are met where there are impacts that have not been covered in the appraisal of the parent Development Plan Document (DPD).

3. The Core Strategy is an 'overarching' strategic policy document for the whole of Central Lancashire and covers a wide range of issues and spatial matters. This screening report has been prepared in support of the SPDs. It establishes whether there are impacts arising from the SPDs that have not been covered in higher level SA/SEAs and if a full SA/SEA is required for these SPDs.

4. The impact of the SPDs will be restricted to relatively specialist topic areas at a local level. Whilst they will help deliver district wide objectives the issues considered do not need to be as comprehensive as for the Core Strategy. The SEA Directive suggests a possible exemption of SEA where the plan or programme would be likely not to have significant environmental effects.

Overview of the Proposed SPDs to be consulted on April-May 2012

5. The purpose of the Affordable Housing SPDs is to provide advice on how the Councils' affordable housing policy, as set out especially Policy 7 of the Core Strategy, is to be implemented. This includes guidance on the range of approaches, standards and mechanisms required to deliver a range of affordable housing to meet local needs.

6. A key objective of the Design SPD is to raise the level of quality of design of new buildings in the built environment across Central Lancashire and in so doing reinforce its unique character. It will set a benchmark for design quality by endorsing best practice and requiring new development to enhance the character of an area through good design. The SPD draws on Policies 16 (Heritage Assets), 17 (Design of New Building), 18 (Green Infrastructure) and 27 (Sustainable Resources and New Developments) from the Core Strategy.

7. The purpose of the Open Space and Playing Pitch SPD is to set out minimum open space and playing pitch standards as stated in criterion (c) of Core Strategy Policy 24 and provide advice on how these standards will be applied to new residential developments. These minimum standards have been informed by the recommendations in the Open Space Study and Playing Pitch Strategy and will ensure residents have sufficient access to open spaces and playing pitches.

8. The purpose of the Controlling Re-use of Employment Premises SPD is to set out the Councils' approach to dealing with development proposals involving the re-use of existing employment premises and sites in Central Lancashire. It develops Core Strategy Policy 10 by setting out the balanced criteria based approach, including marketing and an assessment of the viability of employment use, under which all proposals for re-use will be assessed. The SPD therefore aims to guide the implementation of the Core Strategy and ensure:

- An adequate supply of employment land in Central Lancashire to 2026, including:
 - (a) the provision and availability of suitable locations for industrial and commercial developments, and,
 - (b) provision for a broad range of business types from small start-up businesses through to large enterprises.
- All existing employment sites and premises (including those last used for employment purposes) are protected for employment use, and a presumption that 'Best Urban' and 'Good Urban' sites (see Appendix 4) will be retained for B use class employment use (see Appendix 5).
- The maintenance and creation of employment opportunities in Central Lancashire.

9. The purpose of the Rural Development SPD is to set out the Councils' approach to development in the rural areas of Central Lancashire. The SPD clarifies the Councils' support for specific initiatives to sustain and encourage appropriate growth in the rural economy, developing Core Strategy policies 1 (Locating Growth), 4 (Housing Delivery) 10 (Employment Premises and Sites), 13 (Rural Economy), 17 (Design of New Buildings), 18 (Green Infrastructure) and 31 (Agricultural Land). It aims to ensure that:

- rural communities thrive as mixed communities where people young and old, on high and lower incomes are able to live in rural settlements;
- rural economic development is supported and encouraged within clearly defined parameters;
- development takes place in a way which helps places become more sustainable;
- existing services in rural areas are supported and maintained.

10. The purpose of the Access to Healthy Food SPD is to explain the Councils' approach as local planning authorities towards encouraging better access to healthy food, based on Core Strategy Policy 23 (Health). There are two main elements to this:

- Restricting the development of new hot food takeaways;
- Promoting the creation of more allotments and encouraging community food growing opportunities.

Sustainability Objectives and Assessment of Relevance/Impact

11. The Core Strategy sets out 24 objectives that were devised as part of the initial work on the Local Development Framework and have been used to develop the policies of the Core Strategy. It is important that these remain constant through sustainability appraisals of new documents. Against each objective there are some decision aiding questions that help to test the SPDs' potential impact against each of them, as summarised in the table below.

Strategic Objective	Decision aiding questions	Relevance /Impact
<p>SO1 To foster growth and investment in Central Lancashire in a manner that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes the best use of infrastructure and land by focussing on the Preston/ South Ribble Urban Area, and the Key Service Centres of Leyland and Chorley. • Marries opportunity and need by focussing investment in Preston City Centre and other Strategic Sites and Locations, and Leyland and Chorley town centres. • Supports service provision in rural areas, particularly the Rural Local Service Centres. 	<p>Will the option enhance the viability of town and other centres? Will the option enhance the vitality of town and other centres?</p> <p>Will the option encourage mixed-use development?</p> <p>Will the option improve access to key services (education, employment, health, community services)?</p>	<p>Indirectly, through the design principles of the Design SPD, and the protection of employment premises.</p> <p>Yes, both the Controlling Re-Use of Employment Premises, and the Rural Development SPDs offer guidance on mixed use developments, including live/work units. The Affordable Housing SPD provides guidance on mixed tenure housing developments, and on Rural Exception Sites.</p> <p>Indirectly, through the protection of employment premises and sites, in the Controlling Re-use of Employment Premises SPD, and through supporting rural services in the Rural Development SPD.</p>
<p>SO2 To ensure there is sufficient and appropriate infrastructure to meet future needs, funded where necessary by developer contributions.</p>	<p>Will the option help to provide for new infrastructure?</p>	<p>Indirectly through developer contributions relating to most developments covered by the SPDs.</p>
<p>SO3 To reduce the need to travel, manage car use, promote more sustainable modes of transport and improve the road network to the north and south of Preston.</p>	<p>Will the option help reduce the need to travel by private car?</p> <p>Will the option improve access by public transport? Will the option improve access on foot and by bicycle?</p>	<p>The SPDs, especially those for Controlling Re-Use of Employment Premises and Rural Development, are consistent with the pattern of development set out in Policy 1 of the Core Strategy, which aims to focus growth and reduce the need to travel by private car.</p> <p>Not directly.</p>
<p>SO4 To enable easier journeys into and out of Preston City Centre and east/west trips across South Ribble, improve movement around Chorley, as well as safeguard rural accessibility, especially for mobility impaired people.</p>	<p>Will the option help reduce congestion and improve accessibility?</p>	<p>The SPDs, especially those for Controlling Re-Use of Employment Premises and Rural Development, are consistent with the pattern of development set out in Policy 1 of the Core Strategy, which aims to focus growth and reduce the need to travel by private car.</p>
<p>SO5 To help make available and maintain within Central Lancashire District a ready supply of residential development land over the plan period so as to help deliver sufficient new housing of appropriate types to meet future requirements.</p>	<p>Will the option support the development of land for housing?</p>	<p>The Affordable Housing SPD will by clarifying delivery mechanisms and to a limited degree the Rural Development SPD will by identifying the restricted opportunities for appropriate residential uses.</p>

Strategic Objective	Decision aiding questions	Relevance /Impact
SO6 To achieve densities for new housing that respect the local character of surrounding areas, whilst making efficient use of land.	Will the option affect or influence the density of housing development?	Yes, by describing the local character of the Central Lancashire area in the Design SPD, and requiring new development to respect the character of the area.
SO7 To improve the quality of existing housing, especially in Inner East Preston and pockets of poor stock in South Ribble and Chorley Boroughs, and to bring empty properties back into use.	Will the option improve the quality of existing housing?	Yes, by applying the principles and guidance contained in the Design SPD and the Affordable Housing SPD.
SO8 To significantly increase the supply of affordable and special needs housing particularly in places of greatest need such as in more rural areas.	Will the option increase the supply of affordable housing?	Yes, by clarifying the requirements of Core Strategy Policy 10 in the Affordable Housing SPD.
SO9 To guide the provision of pitches for travellers in appropriate locations if genuine need arises.	Will the option improve the provision of pitches for travellers?	Not directly.
SO10 To ensure there is a sufficient range of locations available for employment purposes.	Will the option provide for the needs of the local economy? Will the option help maintain a supply of local labour?	Yes, by protecting employment land in the Controlling Re-use of Employment Premises SPD. Indirectly, by protecting employment land, and by clarifying the scope for rural development.
SO11 To secure major retail and leisure investment in Preston city centre to enable it to function as an alternative shopping and commercial destination to Manchester and Liverpool. To achieve the retail and leisure potential of Chorley and Leyland town centres and ensure the district and local centres provide for local needs.	Will the option ensure that town, district and local centres provide for local need?	Indirectly, through the Rural Development SPD by ensuring that there are controls on development in the open countryside, partly designed to protect the countryside from encroachment and partly to support the sustainability of business and services in the district and local service centres.
SO12 To create, enhance and expand tourist attractions and visitor facilities in the city, town centres and appropriate rural locations.	Will the option foster tourism development?	Yes, it will guide tourism and visitor opportunities in rural areas in the Rural Development SPD.
SO13 To sustain and encourage appropriate growth of rural businesses, taking into account the characteristics of the urban fringe and wider countryside.	Will the option sustain and encourage rural business? Will the option encourage or support rural diversification?	Yes, through the guidance contained in the Rural Development SPD and the Controlling Re-Use of Employment Premises SPD.
SO14 To ensure appropriate education facilities are available and skills deficiencies are addressed.	Will the option develop education facilities or workforce skills?	No, the SPDs do not deal with these matters.

Strategic Objective	Decision aiding questions	Relevance /Impact
SO15 To foster 'place shaping' to enhance the character and local distinctiveness of the built environment in Central Lancashire by encouraging high quality design of new buildings.	<p>Will the option improve the character and distinctiveness of the built environment?</p> <p>Will the option encourage sustainable construction?</p> <p>Will the option deliver new development on previously developed land?</p>	<p>Yes, through the guidance contained in the Design SPD.</p> <p>Yes, especially the guidance contained in the Re-use of Employment Premises and the Rural Development SPDs.</p>
SO16 To protect conserve and enhance Central Lancashire's places of architectural and archaeological value and the distinctive character of its landscapes.	<p>Will the option improve the conservation of the heritage assets of Central Lancashire?</p> <p>Will the option enhance local character?</p>	<p>The Design SPDs identifies existing local heritage and character areas and will contribute to their protection and enhancement.</p>
SO17 To maintain and improve the quality of Central Lancashire's built and natural environmental assets so that it remains a place with 'room to breathe'.	<p>Will the option improve the built, cultural and natural environment assets?</p> <p>Will the option secure enhancement in biodiversity in all new development?</p> <p>Will the option continue to protect formally designated areas on nature conservation?</p> <p>Will the option prevent fragmentation and increase connectivity of habitats?</p> <p>Will the option enhance urban biodiversity?</p> <p>Will the option enhance rural biodiversity?</p> <p>Will the option create new habitats?</p>	<p>Indirectly, through the guidance contained in the Design SPD, the Rural Development SPD and the Open Space, Sport and Recreation SPD.</p> <p>Yes, through the Rural Development SPD and the Open Space, Sport and Recreation SPD, in protecting sites from development.</p> <p>Possibly, through the Open Space, Sport and Recreation SPD, allowing for land to be set aside.</p>
SO18 To improve the health and wellbeing of all Central Lancashire's residents and reduce the health inequalities that affect the more deprived urban areas, particularly Inner East Preston.	<p>Will the option reduce health inequalities?</p>	<p>Yes, through the implementation of the Access to Healthy Foods SPD, especially the promotion of allotments and market gardens.</p>

Strategic Objective	Decision aiding questions	Relevance /Impact
<p>SO19 To improve access to health care, sport and recreation, open green spaces, culture, entertainment, and community facilities and services, including healthy food.</p>	<p>Will the option ensure good access to open space?</p> <p>Will the option protect and enhance the Councils' natural green space (green infrastructure)?</p> <p>Will the option enhance access to and quality of recreation?</p> <p>Will the option improve access to health provision?</p> <p>Will the option improve access to healthy food?</p>	<p>The Open Space, Sport and Recreation SPD supports the provision, maintenance of and access to open space.</p> <p>Yes, by applying the guidance of the Open Space, Sport & Recreation, Design and Rural Development SPDs.</p> <p>The Open Space, Sport and Recreation SPD supports the provision, quality, maintenance and access to recreation facilities.</p> <p>The SPDs do not deal with this matter.</p> <p>Yes, by applying the guidance in the Access to Healthy Food SPD.</p>
<p>SO20 To create environments in Central Lancashire that help to reduce crime, disorder and the fear of crime, especially in the more deprived areas which often experience higher levels of crime.</p>	<p>Will the option help to reduce crime?</p> <p>Will the option help to reduce fear of crime?</p>	<p>Yes, by applying the principles set out in the Design SPD.</p> <p>Indirectly, by the development of crime-aware designs for new developments.</p>
<p>SO21 To reduce energy use and carbon dioxide emissions in new development.</p>	<p>Will the option reduce the quantity of green house gases released into the atmosphere?</p> <p>Will the option lessen the use of resources either by reduction or reuse?</p> <p>Will the option improve energy efficiency?</p>	<p>Indirectly, by the application of the Design SPD (and Policy 27 of the Core Strategy) on the energy-efficient construction and operation of new homes.</p> <p>The Design SPD requires energy efficient design.</p>
<p>SO22 To encourage the generation and use of energy from renewable and low carbon sources.</p>	<p>Will the option facilitate the generation or use of renewable energy generation?</p> <p>Will the option support the use of community scale energy generation?</p>	<p>The SPDs encourage the use of renewable energy and introduction where appropriate of renewable technologies in line with Core Strategy Policy 28.</p>
<p>SO23 To manage flood risk and the impacts of flooding especially adjoining the river Ribble and at Croston.</p>	<p>Will the option increase the risk of flooding?</p> <p>Will the option increase the risk of sewer flooding?</p> <p>Will the option deliver improvements to surface water management?</p>	<p>No direct impact on flood risk from any of the SPDs.</p>

Strategic Objective	Decision aiding questions	Relevance /Impact
SO24 To reduce water usage, protect and enhance Central Lancashire's water resources and minimise pollution of water, air and soil?	<p>Will the option help to encourage water efficiency?</p> <p>Will the option help improve water, air and soil quality?</p>	<p>Indirectly, by the application of the Design SPD (and Policy 27 of the Core Strategy) on the resource-efficient construction and operation of new homes.</p> <p>No direct impact on water usage, or on water, air or soil quality from any of the SPDs.</p>

Issues of SEA Regulations

Subject listed in Schedule II of the SEA Regulations	Subject was considered in screening under:
Biodiversity	Key issues: impact on habitats, green space, urban biodiversity Objective SO17, SO19
Population	N/A
Human Health	Key issue: access to green space Objective SO18, SO19
Flora/Fauna	See biodiversity
Soil	Key issue: minimising loss of green field land Objective SO1, SO15, SO17, SO24
Water	Key issue: water consumption, flooding (surface water management) Objective SO23, SO24
Air	Key issues: air quality, renewable energy Objective SO21, SO22
Climatic factors	Key issues: water consumption, renewable energy, energy conservation Objective SO21, SO22, SO23, SO24
Material assets	Key issues: efficient use of resources Objective SO1, SO2, SO3, SO5, SO10, SO13, SO21, SO22, SO24
Cultural heritage, including architectural and archaeological heritage	Key issue: protection and enhancement of heritage assets and the wider historic environment Objective SO15, SO16, SO17
Landscape	Key issues: protection and enhancement of the landscape including designated landscapes Objective SO15, SO16

Summary of Sustainability Appraisal of Core Strategy Policies to which the SPDs relate

11. The Core Strategy also sets out 31 policies, which have been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal. The following table summarises the SA of the Core Strategy policies to which the SPDs relate and clarifies that the SPDs will have no further impact.

Summary of Sustainability Appraisal of Core Strategy Policies to which the SPDs relate

SPD	Associated Core Strategy Policy	Summary of SA of Core Strategy Policy				Will the SPD further impact on SA objectives?
		Social Effects	Environmental Effects	Economic Effects	Comments	
Affordable Housing SPD	Policy 7: Affordable Housing	+	+	0	Policy will have positive social effects as it will improve access to affordable housing in sustainable locations. Policy will have positive environmental effects as providing affordable housing in sustainable locations reduces the need to travel to access employment and services and will therefore help tackle climate change. Policy will have little economic effect.	No. Its purpose is to provide further advice on how Core Strategy Policy 7 will be implemented.
Controlling Re-use of Employment Premises SPD	Policy 10: Employment Premises and Sites	++	++	++	Policy will have significant positive social effects as it seeks to protect employment premises which will maintain local jobs and reduce the need to travel elsewhere to access employment. Policy will have significant environmental effects as maintaining local jobs reduces the need to travel to work and helps to tackle climate change. Policy will have significant economic effects as it will help to maintain local businesses and prevent the loss of employment premises to other forms of development.	No. Its purpose is to provide more detailed guidance on the marketing and viability assessments required by criteria (g) and (h) of Core Strategy Policy 10.
Design SPD	Policy 16: Heritage Assets	0	+	0	Policy will have little social effect. Policy will have positive environmental effects as it seeks to protect and enhance heritage assets from inappropriate development. Policy will have little economic effect.	No. Its purpose is to provide more detailed guidance on design aspects required by Core Strategy Policies 16, 17, 18 and 27 and set a benchmark for design quality by endorsing best practice and requiring new development to enhance the character of an area through good design.
	Policy 17: Design of New Buildings	+	+	0	Policy will have positive social effects as it requires open space to be provided within developments which will help to improve the health and wellbeing of residents. It also requires that the design of new developments minimises the opportunity for crime. Policy will have positive environmental effects as it promotes designs that are adaptable to climate change and adopt principles of sustainable construction. Policy will have little economic effect.	
	Policy 18: Green Infrastructure	+	+	0	Policy will have positive social effects as it will improve access to green spaces which will help improve health and wellbeing. Policy will have positive environmental effects as it will reduce the need to travel to access green spaces which will help to tackle climate change. Policy will have little economic effect.	

SPD	Associated Core Strategy Policy	Summary of SA of Core Strategy Policy				Will the SPD further impact on SA objectives?
		Social Effects	Environmental Effects	Economic Effects	Comments	
	Policy 27: Sustainable Resources and New Developments	+	++	+	<p>Policy will have positive social effects as it will increase the energy ratings of homes and provide resource efficient housing.</p> <p>Policy will have significant positive environmental effects as improving the resource efficiency of houses will help reduce greenhouse gases and help tackle climate change.</p> <p>Policy will have positive economic effects as it will lead to the creation of jobs in the renewable energy sector.</p>	
Rural Development SPD	Policy 1: Locating Growth	++	+	+	<p>Policy will have significant positive social effects as it will provide housing and employment in sustainable locations close to services and other facilities which will help reduce private car use.</p> <p>Policy will have positive environmental effects as reducing private car use will help to tackle climate change.</p> <p>Policy will have positive economic effects as encouraging sustainable links between employment, homes, services and other facilities will help achieve sustainable economic growth.</p>	No. Its purpose is to develop and clarify the requirements within Core Strategy Policies 1, 4, 10, 13, 17, 18 and 31 relating to the Council's approach to development in rural areas.
	Policy 4: Housing Delivery	++	++	++	<p>Policy will have significant positive social effects as it will provide housing in sustainable locations close to employment opportunities and other facilities and services which will reduce reliance on the private car.</p> <p>Policy will have significant positive environmental effects as providing housing in sustainable locations will reduce private car use, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and helping to tackle climate change.</p> <p>Policy will have significant positive economic effects as the spatial development pattern will encourage sustainable links between employment, homes, services and other facilities which will help achieve sustainable economic growth.</p>	
	Policy 10: Employment Premises and Sites	++	++	++	<p>Policy will have significant positive social effects as it seeks to protect employment premises which will maintain local jobs and reduce the need to travel elsewhere to access employment.</p> <p>Policy will have significant environmental effects as maintaining local jobs reduces the need to travel to work and helps to tackle climate change.</p> <p>Policy will have significant economic effects as it will help to maintain local businesses and prevent the loss of employment premises to other forms of development.</p>	

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	Policy 13: Rural Economy	+	+	++	<p>Policy will have positive social effects as it will help to provide local jobs in rural areas and reduce the need to travel elsewhere to access employment.</p> <p>Policy will have positive environmental effects as it will reduce the need for residents in rural settlements to travel to access employment which will help to tackle climate change.</p> <p>Policy will have significant positive economic effects as it will help improve employment opportunities in rural areas and support existing rural businesses.</p>	
	Policy 17: Design of New Buildings	+	+	0	<p>Policy will have positive social effects as it requires open space to be provided within developments which will help to improve the health and wellbeing of residents. It also requires that the design of new developments minimises the opportunity for crime.</p> <p>Policy will have positive environmental effects as it promotes designs that are adaptable to climate change and adopt principles of sustainable construction.</p> <p>Policy will have little economic effect.</p>	
	Policy 18: Green Infrastructure	+	+	0	<p>Policy will have positive social effects as it will improve access to green spaces which will help improve health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Policy will have positive environmental effects as it will reduce the need to travel to access green spaces which will help to tackle climate change.</p> <p>Policy will have little economic effect.</p>	
	Policy 31: Agricultural Land	0	++	0	<p>Policy will have little social effect.</p> <p>Policy will have significant environmental effects as it helps to protect agricultural land and prevent pollution of soils.</p> <p>Policy will have little economic effect.</p>	
Access to Healthy Food SPD	Policy 23: Health	++	/	+	<p>Policy will have significant social effects as it will help to improve the health and wellbeing of residents through the provision of health facilities.</p> <p>Policy has no link with any of the environmental objectives.</p> <p>Policy will have positive economic effects as it may lead to the creation of more jobs in the health sector in the area and encourages agriculture and farmers markets which will support local farming businesses.</p>	No. Its purpose is to explain the Councils' approach towards encouraging better access to healthy food as set out in criterion (e) of Core Strategy Policy 23.

SPD	Associated Core Strategy Policy	Summary of SA of Core Strategy Policy				Will the SPD further impact on SA objectives?
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Open Space, Sport and Recreation SPD	Policy 24: Sport and Recreation	++	/	+	<p>Policy will have significant social effects as it will help to improve the health and wellbeing of residents through the provision of sport and recreation facilities.</p> <p>Policy has no link with any of the environmental objectives.</p> <p>Policy will have positive economic effects as it will protect sport and recreation facilities in the area which will protect any jobs associated with the facilities. It may also lead to the creation of new facilities in the area which may create local jobs.</p>	<p>No. Its purpose is to set out minimum local sport and recreation standards as stated in criterion (c) of Core Strategy Policy 24. These standards have been informed by the recommendations within the Central Lancashire Open Space Study.</p>
	Policy 18: Green Infrastructure	+	+	0	<p>Policy will have positive social effects as it will improve access to green spaces which will help improve health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Policy will have positive environmental effects as it will reduce the need to travel to access green spaces which will help to tackle climate change.</p> <p>Policy will have little economic effect.</p>	
	Policy 19: Areas of Separation and Major Open Space	+	+	+	<p>Policy will have positive social effects as it will protect areas of countryside between settlements from development and safeguard/designate major open space which will help improve the health and wellbeing of residents.</p> <p>Policy will have positive environmental effects as it will protect the character and distinctiveness of settlements.</p> <p>Policy will have little economic effect.</p>	

Appropriate Assessment

12. Appropriate Assessment of plans that could affect Special Protection Areas for birds (SPAs) or Special Areas of Conservation for habitats (SACs) is required by Article 6(3) of the European Habitats Directive. An Appropriate Assessment of the Core Strategy was undertaken and it was concluded that it is unlikely to have a significant impact on any European site, namely the Ribble and Alt Estuaries Special Protection Area (SPA), and therefore no further assessment is needed. As such the sites could be “screened out”. Therefore it was not necessary to move to the Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.

13. The SPDs are “daughter” documents of the “parent ” Core Strategy and the SPDs are therefore unlikely to have any significant effect on a SPA or SAC, above and beyond any significant effects that the Core Strategy is likely to have, either individually or in combination with other plans and projects. Therefore, the SPDs will not trigger the need for an SA/SEA.

Conclusion and Screening Outcome

14. As a result of the above assessment it is unlikely that there will be any significant negative impacts arising from the SPDs on economic, social and environmental matters that were not covered in the Appraisal of the ‘parent’ Core Strategy or Development Management DPD. Therefore, the SPDs will not trigger the need for an SA/SEA.